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Park County Library Patrons Enjoy Making a Mess at a Summer Reading "Mess-tival"



Water guns made fun and functional tools for decorating summer reading t-shirts!!

Park County kids kicked off summer at the Cody Library by getting more than a little messy.

The library provided the outdoor space and painting supplies needed to be truly creative, while Cody dentists donated the 500 white "Color Our World" t-shirts. Kids were invited to come to the library's outdoor space right

after school on the last day of school to decorate their shirts—with WATER GUNS filled with tie dye powder-colored water!

"Perfect weather helped make it a truly fun start to a colorful summer!" said Holly Baker, Park County Library Children's Librarian.

Along with the main library in Cody, the Park County Library also has branch locations in Meeteetsee and Powell. Find out more about upcoming events on the [Park County Library website](#).



The sun and the Wyoming wind helped dry Park County Library patrons' wearable masterpieces.

WSL News

BRIAN GREENE RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE WSL



Brian Greene, WSL Library Development Office Manager

*"Rejoice and be glad with me,
September 2nd (2025) is my last day
with thee.
I do not seek sunsets to ride into,
Morning sun of new days will be my guide."*

These were the words Brian Greene, Wyoming State Library's Library Development Office (LDO) Manager, used to announce his upcoming retirement following thirty-three years of dedicated service to the Wyoming State Library.

Brian joined the WSL team in March of 1992, serving as a member of the WYLD Support Office until 1996, then served as the WYLD Support Office Manager from 2000-2016. He has been serving as the LDO Office Manager since 2016.

"In Brian's 33 years of service, his dedication has enriched the Wyoming State Library and the Wyoming library community, leaving a lasting impression on all of us," said Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian. "His commitment hasn't simply been about managing projects; it's been about building connections and nurturing minds. We wish him a retirement filled with joy and good books!"

During his career, he enjoyed being what he calls "a librarian's librarian," serving on many committees and working with many organizations that support library professionals. Brian also enjoyed being a part of the WSL Internet Team that introduced the internet to libraries during the 1990s.

"One of the joys of my career was becoming a member of the McMurry Advisory Committee (MAC), a review committee of the Wyoming Community Foundation in 2016," said Brian. This group reviews the library staff and libraries seeking [McMurry Library Endowment](#) support."

After his last day at the WSL, Brian's short-term goals are to enjoy some rest and relaxation, downsize his tie collection, and reduce the contents of his house. He and his wife intend on remaining in Cheyenne, but will eventually move into a smaller home.

"I'll be thinking of you as you continue to face many challenges," said Brian to the Wyoming Library Community. "Let's keep things moving onward and upward!"

SHANTRY MILLER ACCEPTS NEW POSITION AT THE WSL



Shantry Miller, WSL Federal Documents Librarian

If you've checked out the Wyoming State Library staff page recently, you may have noticed a change. A familiar face has recently joined the Information Services Team at the Wyoming State Library; Shantry Miller is now the WSL's new Federal Documents Librarian. Shantry joined the WSL team four years ago as the Bibliographic Services Librarian for the WYLD Support Team and has enjoyed her time there, but is ready to dive in to the world of federal documents with enthusiasm.

"I'm very excited about my new position," said Shantry. "I'm looking forward to becoming more

knowledgeable about our collection here at the State Library."

Shantry brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. Prior to working at the WSL, Shantry worked as a Technical Services Librarian for a nursing and health sciences college for four years, as well as working part-time in public libraries in high school and college. She also taught high school Spanish for four years after she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with education endorsements from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. In addition to her B.A., Shantry also holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

As the new Federal Documents Librarian, Shantry is in charge of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The WSL is one of Wyoming's federal depository libraries, which means it receives, catalogs, and curates federal documents such as congressional bills, laws, regulations, presidential documents, studies, and other documents on a variety of topics, making them available to State of Wyoming employees, Wyoming legislators, and other Wyoming residents who may need them.

"We're thrilled to have Shantry join our team!" said Travis Pollok, WSL Information Services Manager. "She brings great cataloging and training experience to our team. I am looking forward to how her skills and interests will bring new opportunities to the position."

Shantry's last day as the Bibliographic Services Librarian was Friday, August 15 and she began her new role on Monday, August 18.

THE WSL'S 15TH ANNUAL SNAPSHOT DAY IS GOING TO BE WILD!



In just six short weeks, on October 7, the Wyoming State Library will host their fifteenth annual [Wyoming Snapshot Day](#). The theme for this year is Wild About Libraries! Stay tuned for more information and printable resources and graphics.

Please note, there is NO need to plan a special event for Snapshot Day. The purpose of Wyoming Snapshot Day is to help share and promote the awesome things happening at our Wyoming libraries every single day through photos, comments, and testimonials. The WSL looks forward to sharing photos and words from your patrons and staff that reflect the everyday greatness taking place at each and every one of our libraries across the state, and we look forward to your library's participation!

Please contact Christi Weinzierl, WSL Communication and Grants Specialist, at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5919 with questions or to confirm your library's participation. Let's show everyone how WILD Wyoming is about their libraries!

SHARE YOUR SUMMER READING SUCCESS

The Wyoming State Library (WSL) and the other libraries in Wyoming want to hear all about your amazing summer successes!

Did you have an event or program this summer that went particularly well or that your patrons just loved? Did your library host something unique or even just new-to-you this summer?

Share photos of the event or program, details about what happened, who attended, etc., and quotes from patrons or library staff regarding the event using the WSL's [Summer Reading Event Outrider Submission form](#).

It's quick, it's easy, and it's a great way to:

1. Get the word out about all the great things going on at Wyoming libraries.
2. Share your amazing ideas with other libraries.

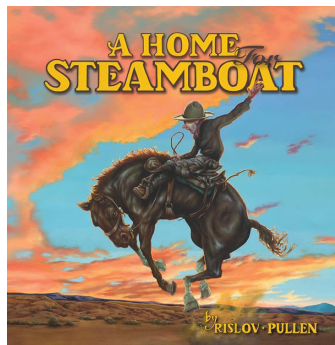
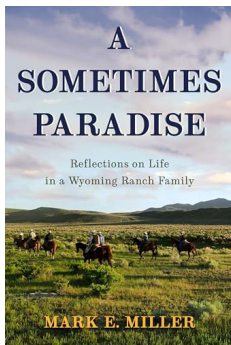
Photos, information, and quotes are synergized into blog posts, social media posts, and articles for the WSL's monthly newsletter, the Outrider. Feel free to write the event up yourself, or just complete the form with the information and we'll be glad to do the rest!

The WSL is excited to hear all about your summer reading events and help share the love with other Wyoming libraries. Share your photos, information, and quotes today!

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Around the State

WYOMING HUMANITIES SELECTS BOOKS TO REPRESENT WYOMING AT NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL



Two books, *A Sometimes Paradise: Reflections on Life in a Wyoming Ranch Family* by Mark E. Miller, a book for adults, and *A Home for Steamboat* by Casey Rislov and Zachary Pullen, a book for children, have been selected to represent Wyoming at the National Book Festival's Great Reads from Great Places, which will take place in Washington, D.C. on September 6.

Great Reads from Great Places is a nationwide program that features two books to represent each state at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. Wyoming selects one adult book and one young adult/children's book that speaks to the state of Wyoming. Visitors to the National Book Festival have the opportunity to see the books, ask questions, and interact with representatives from Wyoming. This year, both of the books selected were written and illustrated

by Wyomingites, so participants are sure to get perspectives truly representative of our state.

The selection of these books is overseen by the Wyoming Center for the Book, a Library of Congress affiliated program of Wyoming Humanities. The Center's mission is to promote literacy, libraries, reading, writing, books, poetry, and celebrate Wyoming's literary heritage. Wyoming Center for the Book also coordinates Letters About Literature, Pronghorn Reads, and other great opportunities for the citizens of Wyoming. Find out more on the [Wyoming Humanities Center for the Book website](https://www.wyomingcenterforthebook.org/).

WLLI Basket Raffle

It's that time of year again!
We need YOU to get creative and put together your donation basket for WLA!
All proceeds from the basket raffle go to the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute to empower more library leaders in our beautiful and growing state!



Ready to donate or have questions?
Please reach out to:
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Lorene Heinzen - lheinzen@natronacountylibrary.org
WLA conference September 24th-26th

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National Challenges

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL AI CHALLENGE

The **Presidential AI Challenge** will bring K-12 youth, educators, mentors, and community teams together to solve real-world problems in their communities using AI-powered solutions, with an opportunity to showcase their solutions at a national level. Students and educators of all backgrounds and expertise are encouraged to participate. This opportunity will equip youth with foundational knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digital society, empower educators to confidently guide students through this complex and evolving field, connect students and educators with AI experts from industry and government for guidance, coaching, inspiration, and collaboration, and provide widespread access to resources, training, and support regarding AI.

The challenge is open to youth teams in grades K–12; each team must have a supervising adult such as a parent, mentor, educator, or community leader. Educator teams are also eligible. Registration will open in September 2025. More information can be found on the [challenge website](#). A factsheet and flyers can also be found on the [website](#), Campaign materials, including social media graphics can be found on the [IMLS website](#).

SECOND LADY'S 2025 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Embark on wild adventures, get lost in imagination, and open new worlds of learning and discovery when you accept the Second Lady's 2025 Summer Reading Challenge!

The challenge is open to children in grades K – 8, from now until September 5th. To participate, download the [Summer Reading Challenge Tracker](#) and read 12 books of your choice. Completed trackers should be submitted to read@mail.whitehouse.gov by **Friday, September 5, 2025**, to receive a personalized certificate, a small prize, and entrance into a raffle to visit the Nation's Capital.

For libraries looking to promote the Second Lady's Reading Challenge, or incorporate it into an existing summer reading or back to school event, the following campaign resources are available:

- [Reading Challenge Flyer](#)
- [Fillable Tracker](#)
- [Template Social Media messages](#)
- [Social Media Graphics](#)

To learn more about Second Lady Usha Vance's Summer Reading Challenge, please visit www.whitehouse.gov/read

Wyoming Library Association

2025 WLA CONFERENCE




There is still time to register for the 2025 Wyoming Library Association Conference! The theme this year is Libraries: Places of Joy, and the conference will be held September 24-26 at the Best Western Downtown Casper in Casper, Wyoming. Visit the [WLA Conference webpage](#) for details or to register for this exciting event.



Electronic Resources

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING ACCESS TO UW FUNDED GOWYLD RESOURCES

The University of Wyoming Libraries announced an update in May for how users access UW funded online resources. This affects all non-higher education users, including both in-library and home access. Users accessing **UW funded resources** from GoWYLD will experience the following:

- If you're using a library computer at UW or the Wyoming community colleges, you'll still be able to access resources as you always have—no changes needed.
- If you're at a library in another location (e.g. public or K12), you'll be asked to log in using your WYLD library card number and PIN to access online resources.
- If you're accessing library resources from home or another remote location, you'll continue to log in using your WYLD library card and PIN, or another existing login method. UW funded resources are marked with the following icon: 

Please be aware that the WYOSCHOOL login and any other anonymous user access cards will no longer be accepted for remote authentication for any GoWYLD resource. The WSL is updating links and messaging on the GoWYLD site and will provide further updates as needed.

EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH CULTUREGRAMS!



With 195 countries on this planet, it would be tricky, not to mention pricey, to visit each one and become familiar with each one's unique culture. With ProQuest's CultureGrams on GoWYLD, Wyomingites can learn all this and more without even leaving home!

Culturegrams can be found among [GoWYLD's Student Research Resources](#) and includes country reports that go beyond mere facts and figures to deliver a one-of-a-kind perspective on daily life and culture, including the background, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people. Simply log in with your Wyoming library card number and PIN, and the world is at your fingertips!

To access accurate and up-to-date information about any country in the world and maps that bring geography to life, click on the continent on which the country you'd like to learn about

is located, then select the name of the country from a list, or click on the country on the map. At the beginning of your search, you can select the World Edition for a wider perspective, or the Kids Edition for a perspective from children living in your selected county. Along with details about each of the world's countries, you can also find maps and information on each of the states in the U.S. using the State Edition, as well as the provinces of Canada using the Province Edition.

Check out CultureGrams to learn more about any country, U.S. state, or Canadian province you'd like to know more about! To learn more about this great resource, tune in to the August Edition of the [PB & J Podcast on August 28](#).

FREE WEBINAR-ACCESSIBLE CONTENT FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

Did you know there is a free accessible library service available to every print disabled resident in the United States?

The Federal Depository Library Program will offer a free webinar, "Accessible Content from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled," Thursday, September 4, 2025, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Participants will learn how to extend their librarian superpowers with one simple act and get strategies for serving your print disabled patrons by leveraging the National Library

Service and its network of cooperating libraries, allowing them to connect print disabled people to one of the largest recreational reading collections in the United States, filled with fully accessible audio and braille content, exceptional reader advisory services, and all the apps and devices to access this content with ease from presenter Alice O'Reilly, Chief Collections Division, National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress.

Register using this [link](#). Recording and closed captioning are available.

Upon registering, a confirmation email from icSys@icohere.com will be sent with instructions for joining the webinar. To ensure delivery of that email, configure your junk mail or spam filter(s) to permit messages from that address. GPO staff will also email your access information the day before the webinar. If you do not receive your login information, please email FDLPoutreach@gpo.gov.

For those participating via a desktop or laptop computer (preferred method), a WebEx plug-in must be installed (one-time only) using this [link](#). Some features will not be available for users participating with a tablet or smartphone. Devices need to have a WebEx app installed from the device's app store, which may take time. After installation, the app will ask for you to allow or deny permissions.

Upcoming Celebrations

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Happy (almost) September! Here are some events and celebrations coming up this month:

September 1-30-[Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

September 6-[Read a Book Day](#)

September 8-[International Literacy Day](#)

September 15(ish)-[International Dot Day](#)

September 16-[National Voter Registration Day](#)

September 18-[Read an E-book Day](#)

September 20-23-[ARSL conference](#)

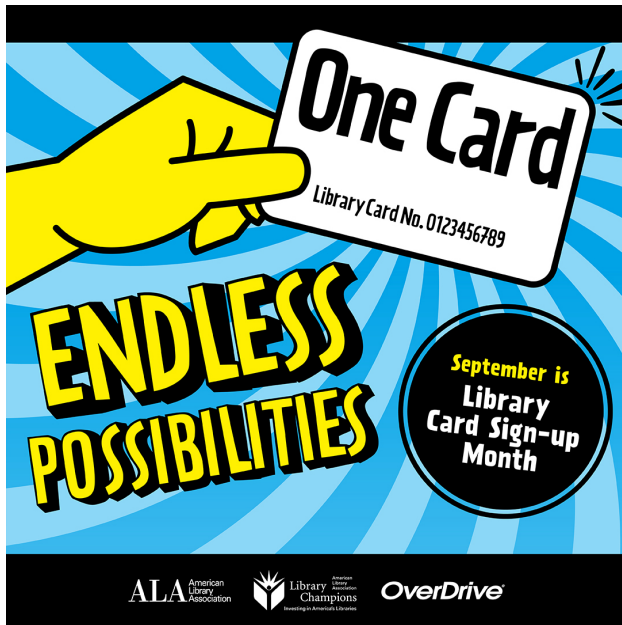
September 22-[Dear Diary Day](#)

September 24-[National Punctuation Day](#)

September 25-[National Comic Book Day](#)

Stay tuned for posts on our WSL blog, Facebook, and X throughout this month about these upcoming celebrations!

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Think back to the day you got your very first library card. Perhaps you felt like you had been given the “keys to the kingdom” being able to check out, read, and take home any book you wanted. Or maybe you got your first library card as an adult. What doors has it unlocked for you?

Getting a library card is a rite of passage, as well as a necessity for many of us. Often, it’s one of the first things many people do after moving to a new town or starting at a new school. Having a library card gives you power--the power to obtain free resources and services that are unavailable to those without one.

U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennet suggested a movement to get a library card in the hands of every child back in 1987. Since then, libraries celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month each September, encouraging members of their communities to get library cards.

With September just around the corner, how will your library celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month this year? Free promotional resources are available on [ALA’s Library Card Sign-up Month webpage](#).

Is your library doing something special this September? Share it with your Wyoming library community! Send photos and information following your event to Christi Weinzierl, WSL’s Communications and Grants Specialist at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov to share on the WSL blog and in the monthly Outrider newsletter.

Training and Professional Opportunities

THE PB & J SHOW’S FIRST EPISODE’S RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE



Did you miss it? On July 18, **Paige Bredenkamp** and **Joanne Pruitt (PB & J)** kicked off a new monthly webinar series!

The first webinar in this new series covered **Mometrix**, and participants learned how

to navigate this powerhouse of test prep and skill-building.

If you were unable to attend you can watch the recording of the webinar on the Wyoming State Library's YouTube Channel using this [link](#).

With a new topic each month, you can join PB & J as they walk through the database jungle together and bring the learning to YOU—one database at a time! **Paige** brings the eResources expertise. **Joanne** adds a youth services twist. Together, they're your **PB & J Dream Team!**

And don't miss their next episode on **August 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** This next installment will discuss CultureGrams. Register on the [Wyoming State Library webinar page](#).

CREATIVE AGING PEER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULED



Barrie Lynn Bryant, teaching artist, and Linda Umbdenstock, Creative Aging program participant

In partnership with Lifetime Arts, the Wyoming State Library, and the Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division, the Wyoming Arts Council is announcing the creation of a Creative

Aging Peer Learning Group. These facilitated online conversations are designed to bring together Wyoming teaching artists, librarians, and senior center staff to get connected and be provided with professional development opportunities related to their Creative Aging programming. Creative Aging programs are specifically designed to provide social connections and opportunities to learn new artistic skills for Wyoming's older adults. For the last several years, the Wyoming Arts Council and its partners have been engaged in an ongoing effort to develop and support Creative Aging programming in Wyoming.

The Peer Learning Group will meet virtually on **Thursday, September 4 at 1 p.m.;** **Thursday, October 30 at 1 p.m.;** and **Thursday, December 11 at 1 p.m.** Participants can join for one, two, or all three sessions, and can register using this [link](#). The registration form also includes a brief interest survey to help organizers identify themes and topics for the meetings of the group. Read full blog post [here](#).



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People News



Kendra Cowley joined UW Libraries as the Graduate Research & Engagement Librarian, holding a dual Master's of Library & Information Science, and a Master's of Arts in Digital Humanities from the University of Alberta. Before joining UW Libraries, Kendra was a public librarian at the Toronto Public Library, where she worked on programs with incarcerated patrons, housing co-ops, and harm reduction advocates. Her research work includes publications on resistance within women's prisons, settler colonial soundscapes, and queer history. Kendra loves heavy music, scheming, chocolate, and swimming in every and all bodies of water.



Patricia Flores joined UW Libraries as the Instructional Design Librarian. In this role, they serve as the primary liaison to the Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning, UW Online, and UW Casper. They also support accessibility initiatives across library resources and services, and act as the liaison for the programs in Disability Studies, Communication Disorders, Sociology, and Criminal Justice. Patricia's current research interests include disability in academic libraries, accessibility, teaching and instructional design, and visual culture. Outside of work, they enjoy hiking, discovering new neighborhoods and coffee shops, and giving their cat its best life!



Jennifer Markus joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Undergraduate Research Librarian.

Prior to joining UW, she served as a Faculty Librarian at Laramie County Community College and, before that, worked as a high school librarian in Cheyenne.

She holds a Master of Library Science from Indiana University. Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys traveling with her family, watching her daughter play in marching band performances, and relaxing with her cuddly cat Memo.

Grants & Awards

[Nora Roberts Foundation Literacy Grant](#)

Deadline: September 1, 2025

The Nora Roberts Foundation's mission is to create a beautiful, equitable, and safe world and pursues this goal by supporting literacy organizations, as well as organizations focused on the arts, children, social justice, and the environment. Although priority is given to organizations surrounding the Washington, DC area (**MD, PA, VA, WV**), organizations that operate locally and nationally in the United States are eligible for these grants. It is recommended that first time grant-seekers ask for \$3,000-\$5,000, although smaller grants will also be considered.

[Carolyn M. Hewins Scholarship for Aspiring Children's Librarians](#)

Deadline: September 1, 2025

Areas of focus for the Fall offering include Business & Economic Development, Education & Workforce, Health & Well-being, Public Service & First Responders. Grant maximum of \$5,000 or have at least 75% of the project currently funded. Priority projects include Technology and broadband-enabled focused projects, those with a long-term impact on the community and its residents. Projects that promote community participation and engagement, and create a more sustainable rural community. Applicants will need to complete an online portal application that includes contact Information, history, project details, budget, and narrative of the grant funding need.

Foundation for Rural Service Community Grant Program

Deadline: September 5, 2025

Areas of focus for the Fall offering include Business & Economic Development, Education & Workforce, Health & Well-being, Public Service & First Responders. Grant maximum of \$5,000 or have at least 75% of the project currently funded. Priority projects include Technology and broadband-enabled focused projects, those with a long-term impact on the community and its residents. Projects that promote community participation and engagement, and create a more sustainable rural community. Applicants will need to complete an online portal application that includes contact Information, history, project details, budget, and narrative of the grant funding need.

Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize for Public Libraries

Deadline: September 15, 2025

The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. When libraries, civic entities, organizations, and the people they serve become close partners, their communities thrive. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the March 2026 issue of *Library Journal* and online. Honorable mentions may also be named. The winning library will be identified based on

the degree of its impact on the community in the following key areas: engagement with local government to support the service area's defined goals, engagement with the community to develop library services, community recognition, inclusive service that supports broad community interests, leadership development to perpetuate the library's organizational strength and dynamism, environmental sustainability and leadership in sustainable thinking, inventiveness as exemplified by one of the library's services which is particularly original, both strategically and tactically, and resilience in the face of challenges.

Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant

Deadline: December 1, 2025

This grant aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy and is designed to recognize a creative, innovative literacy project for and with youth (ages 10-19). Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural.

The Courage Project: Celebrating Everyday Courage in America

Deadline: Ongoing

The Courage Project seeks to recognize individuals and organizations that embody the foundational values of our nation through acts of courage that strengthen our communities, our democracy, and our shared future. The Courage Project distributes awards to organizations and honors everyday people for acts of courage and

compassion that demonstrate bravery in their communities. For organizational awards, local nonprofit organizations will receive recognition for specific actions, whether that's supporting free speech, championing equality, or building community. For individual recognition, recipients may recommend donations to values-aligned American non-profit organizations, seeding civic engagement in their communities and strengthening our democracy. By allowing recipients to "pay it forward," the project gives Americans the chance to seed lasting change in their own communities. The award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Whether it's a librarian defending free speech, a teacher protecting vulnerable students, or a local leader bridging divides, these recipients embody core national values: kindness, empathy, and community. For individual honorees, The Courage Project also provides an opportunity to "pay it forward" by directing funds to nonprofit organizations aligned with their values – helping to foster long-term impact at the grassroots level.

The Community Heart & Soul Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

Believe in Reading – Grants for Literacy Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are made to organizations with 501(c)(3) status or its equivalent for educational institutions, including public libraries. Believe in Reading will consider funding programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy, English as a second language projects, or Braille projects for the blind or visually impaired. Believe in Reading will supply funds only if they are earmarked for literacy, not just a general campaign. Reading must be the prime activity. Because addressing literacy is not a short-term process, Believe in Reading's grants are renewable for up to a maximum of three years, but a first-year award does not guarantee any subsequent awards.

Rural Technology Education & Assistive Technology (AT) Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are typically \$500 - \$2,500 for staff and student-led projects in public schools and libraries. The projects funded are designed to help spark student interest in technology-based careers like computer science, computer engineering, information technology, programming, cyber security, robotics, or similar areas. In some cases, these project donations may include a few smaller items like a Raspberry Pi microcomputer or a robotics kit or entire Maker Spaces equipped with things like circuit development kits, 3-D printers, robotics kits, and classroom sets of individual microcomputers to build upon. The focus is on funding libraries and

schools in rural or high-poverty areas that are designed to reach multiple students equitably and help establish ongoing student interest groups like maker spaces and coding clubs.

Wyoming Humanities' Indian Education for All Program

Deadline: Ongoing

One of the best ways to fulfill the Indian Education for All Act is to have Tribal Knowledge Keepers visit Wyoming classrooms. This is not always feasible because costs for travel and honorarium to those wanting to share their valuable wisdom. To address these challenges, Wyoming Humanities is offering funds for K-12 educators in Wyoming to bring an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper into their school, classroom, or field trip. All requests for support should help fulfill Indian Education for All standards and requirements. Wyoming Humanities will offer one-time compensation to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in the classroom, including a \$350 honorarium and \$200 in travel funds (if 100+ miles roundtrip.) Payment will be made directly to the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If payment is required prior to the classroom visit, apply at least six weeks before the visit. If payment is NOT required prior to the classroom visit, apply at least four weeks before the visit.

Wish You Well Foundation

Deadline: Ongoing

The Wish You Well Foundation supports adult and family literacy in the United States by fostering the development and expansion of new and existing adult literacy and educational programs. The focus is on supporting nonprofit organizations that teach adults the literacy skills

they need to communicate, grow, and thrive within their communities. Grants amounts range from \$200 to \$10,000.

Scholastic Possible Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

The Scholastic Possible Fund was established to provide a single repository of quality children's books to be donated to charity partners that share the Company's mission to improve global literacy and put books into the hands of children who might otherwise have none. The Fund seeks to improve access to books in underserved communities and to provide relief in communities recovering from crises or natural disasters. The non-profit partners receiving donations from this fund have demonstrated the ability to effectively educate children and families in diverse communities about the importance of books and reading from birth through adulthood.

Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

The mission of the Jan Stauber Grant 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.

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.

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

These grants are given to organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates.

Requests that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories will be considered for funding: 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.

News in Brief

Libraries Are Feeling the Cost Burden of E-book Popularity

Many libraries across the United States are locked in a battle over e-books, which generally cost much more to purchase than printed books. Now, some of these institutions are fighting back against the higher costs.

Little Learners: Getting Ready for PreK at the Library

There is even more that the library can offer in terms of school readiness programs.

What Dan Read: What a Reading List of 3,599 Books Tells Us About a Library Superfan

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