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Alpha Sites begin implementation of WEB2

Alpha sites have been chosen and are beginning implementation of WEB2, a web-browser interface that will allow access to information through a web environment.

The WYLD Office is recommending limited implementation for alpha sites at this time due to slow response time of the current WEB2. A less cautious approach might be adopted when the new version of WEB2 is released by DRA and the effect the extra load on the WYLD system has been determined.

Alpha sites include: Fremont County Library, Laramie County Library, Platte County Public Library, Park County Library, Western Wyoming College, and the Wyoming State Library

Sites were needed of various sizes, telecommunications configurations, and library types. Libraries that volunteered had to meet several requirements which include: (1) a willingness to

learn, (2) a high level of technical expertise, (3) no telecommunications barriers/problems between the site and Cheyenne, and (4) PAC machines with at least a speed of 66 MHZ, 16 MB memory, and Windows 95 or Windows NT.

Other WYLD libraries may work with the WYLD office to schedule implementation after Nov 1.

Other WYLD Libraries may prepare for the implementation of WEB2 by doing the following:

- send public service staff to WEB2 training
- upgrade PACs to a minimum of 16MB RAM
- equip PACs with mice
- plan WEB2 PAC station location and signage
- communicate library home page information to the WYLD Office
- designate security/filtering options
- coordinate WEB2 start date with the WYLD Office
- implement WEB2
- train staff in WEB2/database use
- finally, prepare public relation for WEB2

Reorganization may affect WSL

Legislators may be considering organizational changes for the Wyoming State Library at their next session. Draft legislation is being prepared involving the Department of Administration and Information(A&I), of which WSL is a division, and the Department of Commerce(DOC).

Tucker Fagan, interim director of the DOC, was appointed by the governor and charged with the responsibility of devising a reorganization plan for functions of DOC which were not incorporated in the Business Council. Two options are being prepared.

The first proposes a new Department of Information and Technology which would include the State Library, Information Coordination/Planning, Budget, and Economic Analysis Divisions from A&I; plus, the Cultural Resources Division from DOC which includes Archives, Arts Council, Historic Preservation and the Wyoming State Museum. It also calls for the creation of a Department of Parks and Service blending General Services, Human Resources, Information Technology Divisions from A&I and State Parks and Historic Sites and Licensing Boards and Commissions from DOC.

A second option, which has been referred to as the "status quo plus" brings the State Library to the DOC along with the Pioneer Museum, currently under the Department of Agriculture.

Fagan presented his plans to the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee on October 8. The draft legislation will be discussed at the next committee meeting Dec. 8-9 in Cheyenne

Fagan also attended the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) meeting in Jackson in mid-October to discuss his proposals. WLA endorsed the principles of realignment in which the State

Library would be a division reporting to the director of the department; and the State Library Board remain independent. The group conditionally supports the alignment of the library as shown in option one with the inclusion of the concepts of information, technology and cultural resources in the title of the new department. The Wyoming State Library board approved similar measures during a recent meeting.

On April 1, 1991 the State Library became a division of A&I as a result of a major reorganization of Wyoming government. Prior to that it had been an autonomous agency dating back to its roots as a territorial library.

Mother Goose Asks "Why?"

Informal science education and reading are getting a big boost as Wyoming joins 13 other states participating in the National Mother Goose Asks "Why?" (MGAW) project. The program is administered through the Wyoming Center for the Book at the Wyoming State Library.

Developed by the Vermont Center for the Book and funded by the National Science Foundation, MGAW helps adults show children the science in literature and in everyday life.

The four-session program combines high quality works of children's literature with hands-on activities to introduce the "process skills of science," which form the basis for scientific thinking. Using books like Chris Van Allsburg's *Two Bad Ants* to heighten observation and classification skills, and Pamela Allen's *Who Sank the Boat* for predicting and experimenting, MGAW helps adults continue to talk about and strengthen the process skills long after the program is over.

To conduct MGAW programs in this area, five Wyoming people attended a five-day workshop in Baltimore, Md. in September. There they joined approximately 75 team members from states including Oregon, Texas, Kansas, Rhode Island and North Carolina to learn the MGAW ropes.

The Wyoming team is composed of Joseph Henry, Riverton, director of the Shoshone-Arapaho Head Start; Judy Lissman, Torrington, first grade teacher at Southeast School; Brenda Evans, Thermopolis preschool teacher; Chris Van Burgh, Cheyenne, outreach librarian at the Wyoming State Library, and Linn Rounds, Cheyenne, coordinator of the Wyoming Center for the Book.

"We are extremely pleased to have been one of the states selected for the program. It brings books and science to the home and offers parents, care givers and teachers of very young children more confidence in answering science-related questions. The target age group is children 3-7 years old with a goal of 100 families for in each of the next three years," said Linn Rounds.

An initial NSF grant enabled the Vermont Center for the Book to pilot MGAW programs in Vermont for three years. During that time almost 2,000 parents took part in the project. As well, primary grades teachers conducted the programs in several dozen classrooms.

\$10,000 grant received from WENCO Windows

Children and young adults throughout Wyoming will have more reading materials available at their local library as a result of a \$10,000 grant from Wenco through its Jeld-Wen Foundation. Wenco is a Cheyenne-based business which constructs doors and windows.

The grant was presented recently to the Wyoming Center for the Book based at the State Library to underwrite "Young Readers on the Range." The money was distributed equally to all 23 county libraries and amounted to over \$400 each.

Librarians selected the books to complement their collections and bookplates are inserted showing the project name and the donor.

Libraries and the Wyoming Business Council

By Keith Cottam, director of libraries, at the University of Wyoming, and president of the Wyoming Library Association

The new Wyoming Business Council opens some important opportunities for collaboration and partnerships not just cooperation, but practical sharing of purpose and service. The challenge to sharing is that we must think about sharing governance, money, policy making and facilities. And when these issues come up, we tend to hunker down to protect what we fear we might lose.

For Wyoming's public and academic libraries, the opportunity will test the courage of librarians and others to think beyond where and how they presently serve.

Isn't it enough for our public libraries to serve children in reading and literacy programs, and adults with continuing education material and recreational reading? Isn't it enough for our academic libraries to support the teaching and research needs of students and faculty?

Today's libraries are more than children's books and best sellers. They are and will be gateways to information, locally and worldwide.

The Wyoming Business Council talks of the need for enhanced statewide communications and information delivery systems to help spur community and economic development. The steering committee envisioned five "regional information centers" to facilitate information flow and networking. Whatever the outcome, recognizing the role of information appears to be high on the council's agenda.

So where do libraries fit? The State Library has hired an economic and community development librarian to help strengthen and further develop the role of libraries in boosting Wyoming's economy. There are 23 county library systems in place. There are seven community college libraries and the University of Wyoming Libraries.

These institutions are defined by the citizens, faculty and students who use them. They are shaped by local policy makers who set the rules, and they are developed by the people whose information interests are at stake. By reaching beyond their traditional roles, these libraries can

be enhanced and the duplication of information services through Wyoming Business Council initiatives avoided.

The library of the future should be an information super-mall, with printed and electronic resources. Information technology systems, such as the State Library's WYLD system, the University's CARL system, and the Internet, improve a community's connection to worldwide information. The technology is already located in our public and academic libraries.

With the Internet available, why do we need libraries? Neither libraries nor the Internet are adequate sole sources of information, but our libraries are well-organized and managed community centers that can open the doors to many information resources. The Internet is also available in our libraries, but it is not well-organized and easy to use. As for it being "available" outside of libraries, fewer than half of America's homes have computers. Fewer than half of those are wired for the Internet; even so, web sites on the Internet come and go. The Internet is simply not yet a credible starting place for serious business and economic development research.

In our libraries, librarians and other trained staff can teach patrons how to navigate on-site reference collections and information systems. They know how to locate, sift and interpret information.

The Fremont County Library is a good example of how to work toward connecting library resources and services with the needs of area businesses. In cooperation with Central Wyoming College, a special business collection has been established at the Riverton Public Library. Through a partnership with the Wyoming Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), an SBDC business counselor is housed in an office located in the Riverton Public Library.

The University Libraries serve citizens in every Wyoming community through interlibrary loan. In addition, many businesses and professional offices are assisted with information needs through the Health Sciences Information Network and the UW Information Network of the Extended Library Services Division (1-800-442-6757).

A sound model is in place, and patterns are developing within our local libraries, to help meet community and economic development needs. Library partnerships with the Wyoming Business Council are a logical step in the move to jump-start the state's lagging economy.

State Library offers training credits

Building upon a commitment to continuing education, the State Library is now offering training credits. The concept, supported by the Resource Sharing Council and approved by the State Library board, establishes a base amount for eligible libraries with additional funds for number of employees.

Money can be used for sending staff or board members to library association or WYLD meetings, workshops, formal college course work, graduate or undergraduate, or in-service workshops as examples. Funds stay at the State Library until reimbursement is verified by the director and requested by the individual.

County libraries receive a \$500 core grant and \$20 extra for each employee. School, institution and special librarians are eligible through a separate \$7500 pool.

According to Jerry Krois, acting state librarian, training is an important issue for local libraries as well as the State Library and this program promotes training opportunities which are often limited by lack of local funds.

Money remaining after a 12 month period will carry over to the next year or possibly revert to other LSTA programs. Each library will submit a brief annual accounting of the training credits. Funds were available effective Oct. 1, 1998.

October 1998 is map the Global Village Month

National Geographic Online is conducting an Internet survey on geography and migration from Sept. 17 through Nov. 27, 1998. They have declared October 1998 Map the Global Village Month, and would like to enlist the help of librarians to reach state residents who lack Internet access or know how. They need volunteers to publicize the survey and host events to offer Internet access to residents who would normally not participate.

National Geographic Online wants to reach 18,000 respondents in homes, universities, schools, libraries, and recreation, community and senior centers.

The questions the survey will address are: 1) How does migration affect our sense of community? 2) How much are cultural tastes influenced by migration? Is regional variety giving way to a homogenized global culture? and 3) Are people replacing geographic communities with substitutes such as profession, workplace, or the Internet?

For more information email Sean Markey, special projects coordinator at: smarkey@nationalgeographic.com

Updated Grant Directory Available

A new edition to the Catalog of Wyoming State Grant Programs 1998 has been printed and is being distributed statewide.

Compiled and published by the Wyoming State Library, the catalog outlines grants from more than 25 different state divisions, highlighting 61 grant programs this year. The target audience for the publication is municipalities, nonprofit organizations and other such entities.

Each program section includes a contact name, eligibility requirements, the dollar amount typically granted, financial and matching requirements, the sources of funding and the application deadline. Not all the state grant programs were included in the catalog; mandatory or entitlement programs were excluded.

The publication is free to all libraries, private businesses, community organizations and government agencies. To obtain a copy, contact the Public Programs, Publications and

Marketing Office, Wyoming State Library, 2301 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002; 307/777-6338; FAX 307/777-6289.

Around The State

- **Laramie Indian Paintbrush PT** is sponsoring A Gift of Reading, a book donation program for the library. Parents and community who wish to participate can go to Chickering Books or Second Story Books to purchase a book from the wish list and return it to Lynette Parkhurst, reading teacher at Indian Paintbrush Elementary.
- **Platte County Public Library System** received \$500 from First State Bank at a fund - raiser. As a result the library will be able to finish their downstairs meeting room. For their donation, the bank received a Carnegie brick, and Nancy Leubeck, bank representative, was given a tour of the meeting room.
- **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** received its first book under a new conservation book fund established by the Wyoming Outdoor Council (WOC). Liz Howell, WOC vice president, presented the book entitled Instream Flow Protection: Seeking a Balance in Western Water Use. WOC funding provides 25 hardback books, one for each public library in the state, ranging in price from \$30 to \$50 each.
- Classic Views of American Life: Pulitzer-Prize-Winning Fiction is a reading and discussion series that examines novels that have received the Pulitzer Prize. The series is hosted by the friends of the **Carbon County Library System** and will run September 10 through March 11 at the library. Selections include: The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck; The Way West, by A. B. Guthrie; House Made of Dawn, by N. Scott Momaday; The Optimist's Daughter, by Eudora Welty; The Color Purple, by Alice Walker; and A Thousand Acres, by Jane Smiley. David Kathka, executive director of the Sweetwater County Board of Cooperative Education Service, will lead the discussion. Kathka holds a doctorate in history from the University of Missouri.
- **Indian Paintbrush** and **Soaring Eagle** book awards have been announced and are on display at the **Lincoln County Library System**. The winner of the 1998 award is Crash by Jerry Spinelli, and the first runner-up is Shiloh Season by Phyllis Naylor. Indian Paintbrush and Soaring Eagle book award nominations and winners are chosen by readers in grades four through six.

Fifteen books nominated for the awards are also on display at the library. Nominees are: Amber Brown Goes Fourth, by Paula Danzinger; Amee-nah, by Kenneth Thomasma; Backward Bird Dog, by Bill Wallace; Bad, Badder, Baddest, by Cynthia Voight; Call Me Francis Tucket, by Gary Paulsen; Falling Up, by Shel Silverstine; Frindle, by Andrew Clements; Help! I'm Trapped in My Sister's Body, by Todd Strasser; Music of Dolphins, by Karen Hesse; Return of Santa Paws, by Nicholas Edwards; Saving Shiloh, by Phyllis Naylor; Sees Behind Trees, by Michael Dorris; Titanic Crossing, by Barbara Williams; View From Saturday, by E.L. Konigsburg; and Wagon Train 911, by Jamie Gilson.

- **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library System** welcomes **Jon Dolak** new Clearmont Branch Librarian. Dolak replaces Astrid Schneller who has served as Clearmont Branch Librarian since May 1995. Dolak and his wife Sandy moved to the Clearmont area in 1997 after a thirty-year career with BLM. Dolak is an avid reader and library supporter.
- Following a vote by library board members, **Sweetwater County Public Library System** is allowing children unlimited video access, including R-rated videos. This issue came before the board after a local resident voiced concerns about children having access to R-rated movies. The

library board voted not to limit access because according to Ron Beck, board chairman, "This policy will put the responsibility where it ought to be --- on parents."

- **Pam Boger** named Cybarian of the year. Boger, assistant director at **Campbell County Public Library**, maintains a network of more than 60 computers and is leading a committee that is updating the trend-setting homepage she first installed two years ago. She is one of 51 librarians chosen for the award, which comes with \$1,000 and free Internet access for a year, both for the library. The awards were given to people based on their commitment to using technology to better serve their community and their trailblazing efforts to provide technology to library patrons.
- **Dorothy Duran**, a librarian at the Reliance Library, retired this past July 16. She began working at the **Reliance Library** Sept. 1, 1983. Duran survived two library directors, two rural branch librarians, a recarpeting job, and the arrival of technology. Her plans for retirement include visiting South Dakota and doing some fishing. Cindy Camacho will be filling Duran's position.
- **Ruth Vaughn** has been appointed Assistant Director at the **Platte County Library System**. She formally served 20 years as Chugwater Branch and circulation librarian.
- **Linda Kinne**, 29-year librarian at **Riverton High School**, died of heart failure at the age of 52. A native of Riverton, Kinne graduated from Riverton High School and spent her entire educational career with the District 25 schools. her family has designed a RHS book fund for memorials.
- **Barbara Fraley**, who is at home recovering from a broken hip, resigned as Johnson County Library Director on Oct. 16, 1998. Cards and warm wishes can be sent to P.O. Box 633, Buffalo, WY 82834.

1998 WLA Award Winners

Nora Van Burgh Development Grant Award

Nancy S. Van Fleet, Sheridan JHS Mary Coffin, Laramie County Community College

Soaring Eagle Award

Freak the Mighty by RodmanSpinelli

Indian Paintbrush Award

Crash by Jerry Spinelli

Progressive School Library Media Award

Meeteetse Branch Library

Georgia Shovlain Award

Campbell County Library's Readers Theatre

Agnes Milstead Award

Laramie County Library System's Youth Advisory Board

Award Award

Mike Williams, Park County

Unsung Heroine

Mary Coffin, LCCC

Media Support

The Sheridan Press

Trustee Citation

Bonnie Hefenieder, treasurer, Washakie County Library Board

Meritorious Support

Loretta Durfee, Crook Co. Library

Librarian of the Year

Ada Howard, director, Fremont County Library System

Distinguished Service Award

Mary Rhoads, childrens' librarian, Johnson County Library

WYLD things . . .

- WEB2 on WYLD page design was reviewed at WLA last week. The design was perfected with the help of the WYLD WEB2 Design committee, who looked at other sites and received input from staff at other libraries.
- Design and alpha site implementation were delayed due to Compaq's late delivery of the WEB server, some problems with equipment, and DRA's slow response to queries regarding the response time of WEB2. DRA reports that some of the slowness in response time is the result of programming in the software, which they hope to fix in the next version. A release date has not been provided.
- The WYLD office is offering workshops to county library board and directors on the use of filtering in public libraries. The workshops are an effort to increase awareness of the potential opportunity and controversy that will arise with WEB2 Internet access. The goals of the workshop are to prepare for controversy, maximize the usage of equipment and connectivity, and plan for patron needs and fears. Workshops on the use of filtering in public libraries have been conducted for administration and board members in seven counties, with five more scheduled.

WEB2 Training Schedule

Cheyenne

Dec. 8, Tues - (11 am-4 pm, 1 hr. lunch) Dec. 9, Wed. - Trainer travel day

Sheridan

Dec. 10, Thurs. - (10 am-3 pm, 1 hr. lunch)

Casper

Dec. 11, Fri. - (10 am-3 pm, 1 hr. lunch)

Riverton

Dec 17, Thurs., (1-5 pm)

Rock Springs

Dec. 18, Fri., (noon - 4 pm)

Schedule:

1 1/2 hrs. intro. to WYLD WEB PAC and security options Break or lunch

1 1/4 hrs. on EBSCO products

1 1/4 hrs. on SIRS

Training is intended for public service desk staff only. For more information contact Corky Walters at the State Library: (1/800/264/1281, choose 1 to continue, then press 2 for the WYLD office, then choose 6 for Corky; 307/777-6339.

You can register for WEB2 training on line at WSL Training and Programming at:
<http://will.state.wy.us/training/web2train.html>

News Briefs

- **Benjamin Wakashige** is the new **State Librarian for New Mexico**. A native of Hawaii and a graduate of Emporia State University Library Science Masters program, he was the director of the Mary and Jeff Bell Library at Texas A&M. He is a graduate from the Emporia State University Library Science Masters program. Wakashige has spent a large part of his 26 year career in New Mexico, and is already well known by the library community. Wakashige will replace Karen Watkins.
- **Videos are available**, for public libraries, from the **MacArthur** Foundation Library. The Foundation is reorganizing itself as The Library Media Project. As a result, they are offering some of the videos that were offered to public libraries in 1988-89 as part of the Video Classic Series, for a donation of \$20 per tape. The price includes public performance rights, shipping, and handling. To print out an order form, go to the website at [1/800/847-3671](http://www.librarymedia.org), or email info@librarymedia.org.
- **The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grants** support school teachers and college faculty in the U.S. seeking to strengthen the teaching and learning of history, literature, foreign languages and cultures, and other areas of humanities. The deadline for the National Education Projects is Oct. 15, 1999. Deadlines for Humanities Focus Grants are April 15, 1999 and April 15, 2000. For more information write or call: Education Development and Demonstration Division of Research and Education Programs National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 318, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506 Phone: 202/606-8380 FAX: 202/606-8394 Email: education@neh.gov TDD (for hearing impaired only) 202/606/8282
- **ALA National Connections Grants** are due Dec. 11. Contact Judy Yeo for more information.

Personel-ly Speaking

- **Jerry Krois, Joe French, and Priscilla Golden** were recently recognized for their years of service to the state at the Department of Administration and Information (A&I) service awards ceremony. Each received a certificate and pins from Art Ellis, director of A&I. Krois received an award for 20 years of service, French for 10 and Golden for 15.
- **Joe French** has been accepted into the Cooperative System Fellows Program of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). French will take part in a one-week training program in Washington, DC. The NCES collects and analyzes data about education in the United State and other nations.

- **Karen Mydland** participated in Meals on Wheels Dress Your Way Day by dressing up as a spanish dancer.

Job Opportunities

Information Services Librarian, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan WY

Work as a member of management team to provide quality patron services to Sheridan area residents. Duties include general reference, collection development, interlibrary loan supervision. ALA-accredited MLS. Position requires a thorough knowledge of professional library principles; computerized library systems; reference tools and techniques including electronic resources.

Excellent written and oral communication skills a must; ability to work congenially and effectively with all ages a necessity. Starting salary range \$23,965-\$25,740. Excellent benefits. Send resume and three references to Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, 335 W. Alger, Sheridan, WY 82801. Closing date Oct. 31.

Library Director, Johnson County Library, Buffalo WY

Johnson County Library is recruiting for its next director. Responsibilities include: supervising staff, coordinating services, planning with Board and Staff, and leading all activities of the county library system. Headquarters are in Buffalo with branches in Kaycee and Linch. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree plus several years of library work experience with increasing responsibilities, or any equivalent combination of education and experience which demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the position.

Salary is \$24,000 plus a benefit package.

The library participates in the statewide WYLD network.

Applicants should send a resume, three references, and a cover letter to: Johnson County Library, 171 N. Adams, Buffalo WY, 82834, ATTN: Ruth A. McCann.

The position will remain open until filled. The Johnson County Library is EOE.

SL Interview Panel formed, 3 candidates selected

Art Ellis, the director of Administration and Information, with the recommendation of the search/selection committee, has approved a seven-member interview panel for the new State Librarian candidates. The panel, made up of five representatives from the library community and two representatives from state government, includes: Darald Dykeman, Human Resources; Brian Greene, Wyoming State Library (WSL); Sherie Monk, K-12 representative; Jack Mueller, WSL Board; Trish Palluck, WSL staff; Larry Stolz, state chief information officer (CIO); and Marcia Wright, public library director, WYLD Network Governing Board, and Resource Sharing Council. Possible candidates were narrowed down from a list of nearly 30 to five by the search/selection committee and then the list was passed on to the interview panel for background checks. On Oct. 2 the names of the top three candidates were delivered by the Interview Panel to

Art Ellis who arranged the interview schedule. The top three candidates for State Librarian are: Lesley Boughton, director of Natrona County Public Library; Richard Lee, administrator of the Summerlin Library of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District; and Paul Steere, director of the Borja Library of Northern Marianas College. Interviews were held on Oct. 2,3. Each candidate had an hour and a half interview followed by a 10 to 12 minute presentation and a tour of the State Library. The presentation was not part of the selection process, but a chance for WSL staff and other members of the library community to view and listen to the candidates for the State Librarian position. A decision is expected by Oct. 30.

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