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Wyoming State Library move nearly complete



The Wyoming State Library is on the move! During much of June and July, WSL staff have been packing and unpacking for the move to its new location at 516 S. Greeley Highway in Cheyenne (the former South Side Safeway building).

During the week of July 17, while offices are physically moved, some interruptions or delays

may occur in phone and email communications. There will be no interruption of WYLD office services.

A few moving facts: in 16 ½ days, 26 WSL employees unpacked and shelved 5,500 boxes of library materials - more than half a million books and documents!



The move will be completed by Aug. 1, and the State Library will once again be open for patrons. Stack access and public Internet access will be limited in the new building. Librarians visiting Cheyenne are always welcome to stop in and say hello at the new location at 516 S. Greeley Highway, between the drug store and the video store.

Two Wyoming libraries place in Swap & Shop "Best of Show"

Winners were recently announced for the 2006 Best of Show competition, sponsored by the Library Administration and Management Association /Public Relations and Marketing Section/Swap and Shop Committee. The awards recognize excellence in 11 different categories, including reading club materials, annual reports, newsletters and (new this year) web sites and home pages. Entries were separated into four ranges depending on library budget. The competition received more than 360 entries from all types of libraries. Judges looked at originality, design, format and effectiveness.

Among the top entries were three from Wyoming, all in the \$2 to \$6 million library budget category:

- Bibliographies & Booklists - Best of Show, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne
- Calendars & Newsletters - Honorable Mention, Wyoming State Library
- Services Available / Orientation Materials / Policy Materials - Best of Show, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, WY

Additionally, Troy Rumpf of the Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne was this year's chair of the competition. Next year, he will be responsible for the entire Swap & Shop Committee with ALA. For more information about this event, contact Troy at (307) 635-1032 ext. 123 or at trumpf@lclsonline.org.

Boyd Broughton to head Sweetwater County Library System

The Sweetwater County Library System Board selected a new director at their meeting on June 19 to replace Paul Holland who is leaving the system to pursue a new career. Boyd Broughton, who has been the Head Librarian at the Rock Springs Library for the past 18 months, took over the reigns of the system on July 1. Broughton said he hopes to build on the successes of the Sweetwater County Library System as it begins this new era in its history.

He comes to Sweetwater County from his former post as Senior Librarian at the Denver Public Library, and prior to that he was the Adult Services Librarian at the Albany County Public Library in Laramie, Wyoming. Broughton has a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Arts in English, both from the University of Wyoming, and received his Master of Library Science from Indiana University.

Running the "Last Great Race on Earth"

As part of the "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" summer reading program, musher Karen Land visited Natrona County libraries in June. Karen recounted her experiences of traveling more than 1,000 miles across frozen wilderness with a 16-dog sled in Alaska's Iditarod race. With her was one of the four-footed athletes who made the trip possible.

New rural library resource features Wilkinson

A reference to legendary Wyoming librarian Mable Wilkinson graces the front of, "A Small But Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for your Rural Library," a new advocacy resource from the American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries. This toolkit and other resources are available online at www.ala.org/rural. Wilkinson was a circuit-riding library field worker in southeast Wyoming in the early 1900s. Her report to ALA in 1916 of her adventures on horseback, *Verily, There Is No Rest for a Librarian*, was published in 1994 by High Plains Press and is available through many WYLD libraries.



UW Science Library closed for renovations

The University of Wyoming Science and Technology Library will be closed to the public until January 2007 for conversion of part of the library to compact shelving. Limited library services will remain available. There will be no public stack access, but materials will be made available to patrons and can be requested via a Web form at <http://www->

lib.uwyo.edu/services/retrieval.htm, by email at libcirc@uwyo.edu, or in person at William Robertson Coe Library. Current periodicals, theses and dissertations, the reference collection, and the majority of science library personnel permanently relocated to Coe Library in late spring.

Albany County Public Library Foundation holds first ever "Book Bash"

The Albany County Public Library Foundation raised more than \$4,000 at the first-ever Book Bash @ the Park in Laramie's Washington Park on June 24. "The event was a great success," said Foundation Executive Director Paul Heimer. "We look forward to building on that success for next year's event and in the years to come." Approximately 200 people attended the party and enjoyed food, music by the Laramie Municipal Band, a storybook character costume parade, face painting, poetry readings, a rodeo roping activity for kids, a Fear Factor Food Contest for teens and a Friends of the Library used book sale. A raffle drawing for a Denver weekend getaway was also part of the festivities. Proceeds will be used by the foundation to support library collections, programming and general operations.

University of Wyoming Head of Reference Diana Shelton retires

This summer University Libraries said good-bye to Head of Reference Diana Shelton, who retired after 29 years of service to the university. Shelton moved to Laramie in 1976 where her first University Libraries job was as a clerk in the documents. In 1981, Shelton became head of the Science Reference Department, and in 1997, she became head of the Coe Reference Department in 1997. In 2002, Shelton received the Agnes Milstead Distinguished Librarian award, given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the University Libraries. University Libraries has established a Diana Shelton Retirement Tree Fund which will help purchase a tree that will be planted on campus in honor of Diana's achievements and dedication to UW. Donations may be sent ATTN: the Diana Shelton Retirement Tree Fund, University of Wyoming Foundation, 1200 E. Ivinson Ave., Laramie, WY 82070 or may be made online at <https://uwsecureweb.uwyo.edu/giveonline/step2.asp>.

Information Power Institute Aug. 8-10

The Wyoming School Librarians Summer Information Power Institute will be held Aug. 8-10 in Casper in the University of Wyoming Outreach Building, room 150. UW

Outreach credit and CEU credit available. Schedule and registration form are available in PDF from the Wyoming Library Association web site, <http://www.wyla.org>

Library card sign-up month tools

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Information Office has promotional tools in Spanish and English available online to promote The Smartest Card. Get It. Use It. @ your library theme for Library Card Sign-up Month, which begins September 1. All materials are available at www.ala.org/librarycardsignup.

AROUND THE STATE

- Laramie County Library System has rolled out a new web site design that's more interactive and user-friendly. Check out the changes at www.lclsonline.org.

PERSONNEL-LY SPEAKING

- Several Wyoming State Library employees were recognized by Governor Dave Freudenthal and the Department of Administration & Information in July for their years of service as state government employees. They were: Alta Hepner and Desiree Saunders, 10 years; Venice Beske, 15 years; and Chris Van Burgh, 25 years.
- Sweetwater County Library System employee Cindy Moore earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in May. "I'm glad to finally be done and I learned a lot during the process," she said. "Thanks to Jo Winkel for proctoring my test and everyone for your patience as I tried to keep up."
- Laurie Gregerson completed a six-week practicum in May and June at Converse County Library. Laurie is currently pursuing her Library Media Specialist degree from the University of Montana. She works at Douglas Intermediate School.
- Alice Meister, former Sheridan County Library director, and now director of the Bozeman Public Library was named Woman of the Year by the Bozeman Business and Professional Women.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWS

Free Online Training Opportunities:

LibraryU offers over 60 online courses related to public, academic, and school library service. They have courses on everything from Administrative skills to Youth Services. All courses are FREE. To sign up, go to <http://learning.libraryu.org/home/>, register to become a user, and select a class to take.

Here are a few classes that you might be interested in:

- **Budgeting Basics:** For many public libraries, the librarian and/or the trustees have little if any experience developing a workable budget. Budgeting Basics provides the necessary information new librarians and...
- **Directors ASK! (Administrator-Secret-Knowledge!):** Someone is coming after you! You are going to retire, quit or get hit by a truck. Have you created a document that will tell your successor how to locate the information needed to manage your library?...
- **Master of Disaster: Developing a Disaster Plan:** The purpose of this module is threefold. 1. Planning. To identify possible hazards in the library that could lead to a disaster. By identifying possible hazards we have developed a prevention com...

BOOK & AUTHORS

- **New Wyoming book - In the Shadow of the Bear Lodge, Writing from the Black Hills: An Anthology** by Bearlodge Writers, Rapid City, SD, Many Kites Press. ISBN10: 0-9729002-8-4; ISBN 13: 978-0-9729002-8-7. For wholesale or discount information call 1-800-486-8940 or order from Bearlodge Writers, P.O. Box 204, Sundance, WY 82729-0204, www.bearlodgewriters.com.
- **Donald Hall** has been named the next poet laureate of the United States, beginning this fall. The author of 15 books of poetry, Hall will be the Library of Congress's 14th poet laureate consultant in poetry, a 70-year-old post administered by LC's Poetry and Literature Center. Hall succeeds Nebraskan Ted Kooser.

TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

- **The Mountain Plains Library Association-New Mexico Library Association Joint 2007 conference** will be held March 14 - 16 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The DoubleTree will be the conference hotel, at a rate of \$90 per night. For more information contact Wayne Hanway, MPLA President-Elect, whanway@sepl.lib.ok.us.

- The 2006 Snowy Range Nonprofit Institute, "The Greater Good: Becoming a Value-Driven Nonprofit," will take place Aug. 6-8 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. For more information, visit <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/srni> . For more information, contact Deb Beck at (307) 766-2066. To register by phone, contact Meggan Bilotte at (307) 766-5249.
- WebJunction's E-Learning Clearinghouse is a web-based, searchable database of online continuing education courses and academic programs for library staff. Learn more about e-learning and search the Clearinghouse at <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=13651>.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FUND RAISING

- The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) will give \$2,000 to winning libraries in the 2007 Best Practices in Marketing Academic and Research Libraries @ your library® award. Portfolios must be postmarked by December 4, 2006. Complete details in the Awards Section of the ACRL Web site: www.ala.org/acrl. Questions regarding submission procedures should be directed to Megan Bielefeld, (800) 545-2433, ext. 2514, (312) 280-2514, mbielefeld@ala.org.
- Libraries are invited to apply for the \$5,000 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant, which will be awarded to a single library for the best public awareness campaign incorporating the 2007 National Library Week theme, "Come together @ your library®." Grant application and guidelines at <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nlwgrant.htm>.
- The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2007 national grant competition for projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. For more information, visit <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>.
- The Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association, has introduced a new Online Awards Application for its seven service awards. Members can now nominate their colleagues and libraries for PLA awards through the PLA website, www.pla.org.

NEWS & RESOURCES

- Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century, an Americans for Libraries Council-sponsored study, conducted by Public Agenda and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, shows that libraries are poised to lead the way to solutions to today's pressing community problems, including providing a safe and engaging

place for teens; building a strong and literate workforce; and extending access to technology. Taking on such challenges is also the best bet for libraries to strengthen their communities and their own funding futures. Read the study at www.lff.org/long_overdue061306.html.

- Library Thing is a new social networking site that lets you catalog your personal books and connect with other readers. Visit Library Thing at www.librarything.com/.
- Social bookmarking sites have resulted in skyrocketing use of tagging, where users assign meaningful search terms to online resources. Learn the basics of tagging at <http://techessence.info/tagging/>
- Every month, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has web tips for libraries. The June topic was, "Does Your Website REALLY Need Redesigning?," which examines the concept of "purpose-driven design." Read it at <http://kdla.ky.gov/onlinepubs/onepage/0606.htm>.
- NewspaperARCHIVE.com, a division of Heritage Microfilms, is giving public libraries and K-12 schools free access to millions of pages in its historical newspaper database through a new program called Access NewspaperARCHIVE. For more information, visit <http://access.newspaperarchive.com>.