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WSL News

MARKUS PRESIDES OVER WESTERN COUNCIL OF STATE LIBRARIES



Attendees at the meeting of the Western Council of State Libraries 2023 Annual Meeting.

In June, Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus presided over the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Western Council of State Libraries (WestCo) in Honolulu, Hawaii. Jamie became President of WestCo on July 1, 2022, and will serve in that office through June 30, 2024. He will remain on the board two more years as Past President.

The Western Council is made up of 22 state library agencies west of the Mississippi River. Among its functions, it promotes library service in member states, provides a forum for interstate collaboration, and invests in innovative projects. Wyoming joined the Western Council in the 1970s. Participation enables the State Library to share what has worked in Wyoming and to learn from other states.

WITTENBORN GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ISCHOOL

Katelyn Wittenborn, Wyoming State Library Digital Initiatives Librarian, recently graduated from the University of Washington iSchool with a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree.



Katelyn Wittenborn

In her position as a professional librarian, the MLIS brings advanced knowledge and training for future success in the field. For her capstone project, she conducted an accessibility audit of the the WSL’s recently updated website, finding both strengths and areas for improvement on the site.

“I wanted to do something to improve accessibility in the State Library,” Katelyn said. “As someone who is disabled myself, I have learned that accessibility is beneficial to all people, no matter their abilities. Through my research, I found that one of the areas that is often overlooked during accessibility checks is the digital presence of an institution.”

“I’m so proud of Katelyn and all that she has accomplished,” said Abby Beaver, WSL Information Services Manager. “She has learned a lot in her program, and I’m impressed with how she applies it to her new position.”

Around the State

TEN SLEEP BRANCH SHARES SUMMER READING KICKOFF PICS



Summer Reading is in swing all over the state. Ten Sleep Public Library held its summer reading kickoff party on June 1 with the theme, “All Together Now.” Community heroes from the community brought their work vehicles to the library — everyone from the Ten Sleep Fire District to Wyoming Game and Fish to the UPS truck. See [all the photos](#) on the WSL blog.

What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

Academic Libraries

UW RECEIVES FUNDING TO REVAMP ROCKY MOUNTAIN HERBARIUM

Thanks to a new federal grant and a generous private donation, the University of Wyoming’s [Rocky Mountain Herbarium](#) plans to update and expand its current facilities as well as support a graduate student in the Department of Botany. With more than a million specimens in its collection, the Rocky Mountain Herbarium is one of the largest public university herbaria in the nation. [Learn more](#) on UW News.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING PRESS LAUNCHES FIRST BOOK TOUR

Michael Amundson, the first author published by the [University of Wyoming Press \(UWyoP\)](#), will [tour Wyoming](#) this month to present on the UWyoP’s first book, “The Art and Life of Merritt Dana Houghton in the Northern Rockies, 1878-1919.”

The University of Wyoming Press originated in 2019 when the UW Libraries was accepted as a member of the University Press of Colorado (UPC). The press and its publications aim to facilitate communication among scholars and engage the peoples of Wyoming and the Mountain West in conversations about our histories, cultures, and resources.

School Libraries

WYOMING LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Wyoming Center for the Book, operating under the Wyoming Humanities



umbrella, has announced this year’s winners of the annual [Letters About Literature](#) contest for students in grades 4-12 who are invited to read, be inspired, and write back to the author of a book that changed their lives. More than 160 students from across Wyoming participated in this year’s event. [See the winners](#) and read the winning entries.

Special Libraries

DIGITIZATION AND ORAL HISTORY TOOLKITS AVAILABLE



The Wyoming State Records Advisory Board (WySHRAB) has [two different toolkits](#) available to record local history.

The Wyoming Digitization Toolkits contain a laptop, scanner, and CD drive to assist organizations in starting digitization projects. Wyoming Oral History toolkits include a digital recorder, two microphones, tripod with carrying case, SD card reader, guidebooks for conducting oral histories, and examples of release forms.

Kits may be loaned for 3 months at a time, with the option to extend for another 3 months if the kit is not spoken for. Toolkits can be reserved by filling out the [request form](#). Questions may be directed to Sara Davis, Wyoming State Archivist, at sara.davis@wyo.gov.



Calendar

- Jun 1-30 [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- Jul 10-14 [National Summer Learning Week](#)
- Sep 1-30 [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- Sep 8 [International Literacy Day](#)
- Sep 20-23 [ARSL Conference](#)

Databases & Electronic Resources

WYOMING DIGITAL COLLECTIONS UPDATES MAKE SEARCHING EASIER

Five of the six resources in the Wyoming State Library's [Digital Collection Suite](#) have recently been updated with a new interface, making them easier to browse and search. These five collections contain more than 960,000 digital records:



- [Wyoming Places](#) provides information about locations, histories, name origins, and stories of both modern and historic places.
- [Wyoming State Publications](#) is a digital collection of items produced by state government agencies and boards, as well as federal documents pertaining to Wyoming.
- [Wyoming Legislation](#) contains legislative information back to territorial days including journals, bills, and session audio files.
- [Wyoming Inventors](#) is a database of full text U.S. patents with Wyoming roots. Records date from 1867 to present.
- [Wyoming Trademarks](#) showcases trademarked names, logos, and wordmarks registered to Wyoming residents and business owners.

Those who've used the digital collections will find a similar look and feel as well as the same great content of nearly a million records.

The updated interface has simplified browsing and made it easier to find links to items needed by researchers, historians, genealogists, students, and anyone interested in Wyoming's past.

For assistance with searching the [Digital Collection Suite](#), contact your local library or contact the Wyoming State Library at statelibrary@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6333.

PICK A BOOK FOR SUMMER READING WITH NOVELIST PLUS

Novelist Plus, a resource in [GoWYLD](#), is a reader's advisory tool. With Novelist Plus, you can find your next book, new genre, or award winning author — just in time for your library's summer reading program!

This resource is useful for patrons, kids, and adults alike, as well as the library staff and teachers working with them or creating instruction and displays.

Find Novelist Plus at [GoWYLD.net](#) under [Recommended Reading](#). For younger readers, GoWYLD also includes Novelist K-8 Plus for kids. GoWYLD resources are available at Wyoming libraries or, using a library card and PIN, from a personal computer or device.

EXPLORE THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The National Geographic Virtual Library (NGVL) contains every page of every issue from 1888-present, and also includes access to National Geographic History from January 2019 to present. NGVL is found on GoWYLD.net alphabetically or under the [Maps](#) subject area.

In NGVL you can use the search box to locate topics in both National Geographic Magazine and National Geographic History. This cross searching capability will bring back books, maps, images, and videos.

The results page shows three items under each item type — click on the header and number (ex: Featured Articles 26) to see all. In addition to the search box, you can click on National Geographic History to browse issues.

Find a basic NGVL tutorial in Niche Academy using the pop-out Tutorials tab on the far right of GoWYLD.net. For more information, contact your local library or the Wyoming State Library at statelibrary@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6333.

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Wyoming Library Association



WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

WLA AWARDS AND GRANTS DEADLINE COMING UP SOON

The WLA's Awards/Grants Committee is now accepting nominations for Outstanding Hero/Heroine, Outstanding Librarian, Outstanding Library, and the second annual Lifetime Achievement Award through July 31, 2023. It's a great opportunity to recognize those who've gone above and beyond to support the Wyoming libraries. Additionally, the Nora Van Burgh Grant is available for continuing education with applications also due at the end of July.

[Learn more](#) about all awards and grants and submit your nominations or your grant application. An awards reception will be held at the WLA 2023 Conference, which will be held in Casper from October 4-6.

People News

CASS KVENILD APPOINTED AS INTERIM UW LIBRARIES DEAN

Cass Kvenild will become Interim Dean of the University of Wyoming Libraries on August 14, taking the reins from retiring Dean Ivan Gaetz. Since 2019, Cass has been an Associate Dean of UW Libraries, where she began her career as an assistant librarian in 2008. She holds a bachelor’s degree in English from UW and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington.



Cass Kvenild

“I am honored to step into the role of Interim Dean at UW Libraries, following in the footsteps of Dean Ivan Gaetz,” Cass said. “This transition presents a valuable opportunity to build upon the strong and visionary foundation laid by Dean Gaetz and to shape the future of our library system. Together, we will continue to foster a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, embrace innovation, and empower our community through the transformative power of information and knowledge.”

PEOPLE IN BRIEF



L to R: Rachel Crocker and Linda Herget. Linda is thanked for her service to the WYLD Network.

Rachel Crocker is the incoming WYLD Network President, taking the place of **Linda Herget**, who has completed her term. Rachel is Director of the Albany County Public Library, and Linda is a Specialist, Library Public Services, at Laramie County Community College.

Candice Cochran joined the Natrona County Public Library Foundation as Executive Director in early January. Candice has worked with non-profits in multiple roles and has served as the Executive Director of the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program since 2013. She has a master’s degree in public relations and a bachelor’s degree in organizational communications from Montana State University-Billings.

Youth Services

WYOMING AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE SUMMER LEARNING TOOLKIT

Inspire young people to explore and learn: cultivate summer learning with the [Summer Learning Toolkit](#) from the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA). The toolkit is available online to educators, organizations, and families looking to enrich the lives of youth this summer. The webpage is organized into easy-to-reference sections for professional development, activities, and programming resources.

Training

ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our [training calendar](#), each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch "At Your Leisure." These on-demand offerings caught our attention for June.

- [How Rude! The Price of Incivility in the Workplace](#) (Colorado State Library)
- [Telehealth in Libraries: The Future of Healthcare](#) (Infopeople)
- [Info2Go! Tools for Tense Situations & Challenging Patrons](#) (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

- [Integrating the Science of Reading and Culturally Responsive Instruction as a Path to Equity](#) (Core Learning)

Library Jobs

The Wyoming State Library maintains a [job board](#) for library positions. These are the latest opportunities that have been posted. To post an opening, contact Susan Mark, WSL Outreach Librarian, at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

County Librarian

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY
Closes July 16, 2023

Laramie County Library System seeks a confident leader and dynamic professional as its next County Librarian. The County Librarian will administer all aspects of LCLS to ensure service to all citizens in a responsible, efficient, and effective manner.

Children's Specialist

Sublette County Library
Pinedale, WY
Open until filled

Programming Specialist

Sublette County Library
Pinedale, WY
Open until filled

Circulation & Branch Services Assistant Manager

Laramie County Library System

Cheyenne, WY

Open until filled

Priority deadline June 28, 2023 at noon

Library Assistant Senior, Adult Services

Teton County Library

Jackson, WY

Open until filled

Library Assistant

Star Valley Branch Library,

Lincoln County Library System

Afton, WY

Open until filled

Grants & Awards

T-Mobile Hometown Grants**DEADLINE: June 30, 2023**

The T-Mobile Hometown Grants program will help fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns. Towns of under 50,000 population may apply for up to \$50,000. Grants are open on a quarterly basis.

Core LIFT Award for Professional Development**DEADLINE: July 16, 2023**

Supports skill development and networking

opportunities for information professionals. Sponsored by OCLC, it consists of up to \$1,500 the recipient may use on professional development including, but not limited to, ALA and/or Core membership dues, attending the ALA Annual Conference, ALA LibLearnX Conference, the Core Forum, or pursuing continuing education.

Nora Van Burgh Development Grants**DEADLINE: July 31, 2023**

Nora Van Burgh had a lengthy and distinguished career in Wyoming libraries, and she was a strong believer in lifelong learning. The Wyoming Library Association's Nora Van Burgh Development Grants honor her memory. These grants provide funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience. Non-degreed library employees are particularly encouraged to apply, though any current member of WLA may apply.

McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education**DEADLINE: July 31, 2023**

Want to attend a conference or workshop to build your library skills? Take an online course? Start working toward that library media specialist endorsement or master's degree in library science? Funds are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries through the Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education.

Applications are accepted six times during the year. The next deadline is July 31, 2023, for continuing education events starting no earlier than September 1, 2023.

[National Endowment for the Arts: Our Town Grants](#)

DEADLINE: August 3, 2023

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. These are cost share/matching grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with funding starting July 1, 2024 for 1–2 year projects. Q&A sessions will be held on June 27, July 20, and August 10.

News in Brief

[Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit Available](#)

University of Washington Information School has created a free toolkit that contains online training modules and resources for youth-serving librarians and library staff in public libraries who would like to better serve families with autistic children. This kit can also be used by anyone with an interest in autism inclusion and inclusive early literacy practices, including school librarians, library managers and administrators, parents and caregivers, community leaders, and teachers. The project was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

[Elements of a Compelling Grant Proposal](#)

Every compelling grant proposal has components that are an absolute must, regardless of project or funder. Experience suggests that the answer is yes, there are basics that can't be ignored. The Grantsmanship Center's Model includes eight essential parts for a successful proposal, but these are the five that are too often neglected.

[AASL Announces 2023 Best Digital Tools for Teaching & Learning](#)

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) has released its annual list of [Best Digital Tools for Teaching & Learning](#). The Best Digital Tools provide opportunities for school librarians to enhance learning, engage learners, and collaborate with educators. The recognition honors digital tools that foster innovation and collaboration, encourage exploration and participation, are user-friendly, and offer information and references.

[ALA Releases the Libraries Build Business Communications Toolkit](#)

The American Library Association's (ALA) Public Policy & Advocacy office (PPA), in partnership with Co/lab Capacity, has released the Libraries Build Business Communications Toolkit. The toolkit provides tools and resources for library workers to promote their small business support services, grow and maintain relationships with local partners, and advocate to policymakers on the important role libraries play in the small business ecosystem.