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Wyoming Law Librarians Offer Office Hours



This spring, Tracey McCormick, Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Wyoming College of Law and Matt Swift, State Law Librarian for Wyoming Judicial Branch, will hold a series of legal research virtual office hours for public librarians and staff. The goal of these sessions is to offer information and insight to Wyoming library professionals to help them support their patrons and broaden access to justice opportunities in Wyoming.

Dates for spring office hours will include March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, and May 7 and 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m. (MST) Rather than just referring you to resources, Matt and Tracey will be walking you through their thought processes and free legal resources for patrons. Although they are not licensed attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, both law librarians love providing greater access to justice in Wyoming. All Wyoming librarians and library staff are welcome to attend the sessions in order to learn and ask questions, and no appointment is necessary! Office hours may continue through the summer, depending on spring participation.

This Zoom [link](#) can be used to enter each virtual office hours meeting. No passcode is needed.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Tracey McCormick at (307) 766-5120 or tmccorm1@uwyo.edu

WSL News

THE WSL SAYS GOODBYE AND THANKS TO ILL TECHNICIAN



It is with much gratitude that the Wyoming State Library (WSL) bids farewell to Genesis Schell, Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Technician. Genesis has been the ILL Technician for the past year and a half and has been such a valuable

part of the WSL during her time here.

“The best part of working at the WSL has been the friends I’ve made,” said Genesis. “I’ve cultivated so many great relationships.”

Genesis’ last day at the WSL was February 7. The WSL thanks her for all of her hard work and wishes her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Share Your Thoughts!

The Wyoming State Library wants the Outrider to suit **your** needs and would love **your** feedback! Please take a couple of minutes to complete this short [survey](#) to help us make the Outrider even more informative and impactful. We can't wait to hear from you!

Around the State

PARK COUNTY LIBRARY JOINS FORCES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



This February, the Park County Library System (PCLS) has teamed up with local community partners to reach patrons in unique ways and places, including patron’s gardens, the fairgrounds, and even the airport!

The PCLS recently partnered with Yellowstone Regional Airport to provide books for travelers, as well as information on the library for visitors to our county. This month, the library updated their highly successful presence at the airport with a new rotating book tower.

One of the most amazing statistics in the PCLS’s 3rd annual report released this month was how many seed packets were borrowed from their seed libraries—17,257! Due to their popularity, the PCLS’s seed libraries will be celebrated with a Spring Forward Expo at all three library locations to kickoff gardening season.

The Powell Library hosted their first-ever Trades Fair on February 22 at the Park County Fairgrounds. Despite the snow and freezing temperatures, over 150 people attended to learn

about trades, local companies, and the services they provide to our community. Participants of all ages were able to see amazing electricity demonstrations from Garland Light & Power Company, as well as try out the CDL simulator from Northwest College. Attendees were also invited to climb and explore heavy equipment and even practice driving some. It’s been a busy month at the PCLS, and spring promises to be just as productive!

Youth Services

CAMPBELL COUNTY YOUTH PLAY THEIR HEARTS OUT



Campbell County teens play a life-sized version of Candy Land.

Campbell County youth had the opportunity to play their hearts out at a special Valentine’s Day event held at the Campbell County Public

Library (CCPL) on February 5. To celebrate both Valentine’s Day and American Heart Month, the CCPL provided fun activities for both younger kids and teenagers. Nearly 200 youth and their families attended the event.

“Everyone had a lovely time at our early release Valentine’s Day party,” said Angela Stanley, CCPL Youth Services Librarian. “Teens enjoyed a trip through our life-sized Candy Land game, while younger patrons enjoyed themed crafts and participated in heart-healthy games, including jump rope and hula hoops!”

The CCPL holds events and programming for patrons of all ages. See their [calendar](#) for details on upcoming events at their locations in both Gillette and Wright.

FUN AND GAMES AT THE CODY LIBRARY IN PARK COUNTY



Park County teens play live Clue.

fun and games. The Cody Library recently hosted two game-themed events for kids and teens—a

The young patrons of the Park County Library in Cody recently had the opportunity to take part in plenty of

Clue Murder Mystery Dinner for teenagers and a Build a Board Game event for elementary school kids. On January 24, Cody teens gathered for a night of mystery and mayhem, playing a life-sized version of the classic board game, "Clue," in the Cody Library's Grizzly Room. Build a Board Game on January 28 provided the opportunity for kids to create their own board game, including choosing a theme, designing the board, and creating the object and rules of their game.

The Cody Library is one of three libraries in the Park County Library System. The PCLS also has locations in Meeteetse and Powell. All three locations host a variety of programs for patrons of all ages. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

Wyoming Library Association



Wyoming libraries have remained strong over the past years

and continue to deliver excellent services to our communities, campuses, and schools. Last year's conference theme was Stand and Deliver, and you have done that. Now it's time to celebrate libraries as places of joy!

The 2025 Wyoming Library Association's (WLA) annual conference will take place **September 24-26, 2025**, at the Best Western Downtown Casper Hotel. This year, as library professionals come together for WLA's annual conference, the emphasis will be on how ***Libraries are Places of Joy***, despite the ever-present challenges to those in the library profession.

WLA needs your help to make this conference another success. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge and help your colleagues at Wyoming libraries improve services and create a joyful environment. How is your library creating joy? As usual, they are interested in receiving proposals on all topics relevant to libraries but also encourage you to consider what your library is doing to create joy.

The deadline for program proposals is **April 30, 2025**. The conference program planning subcommittee will review all proposals and make our selections by early June and will notify you of the status of your proposal by the end of June.

If you have questions, please reach out to Cristine Braddy at cebraddy@gmail.com. Please find the program proposal form at wyla.org.

Share the News!

Do you have colleagues who aren't on the *Outrider* mailing list? Encourage them to [sign up](#) and catch all the library news.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 WLA-YSIG MINI-CONFERENCE



A 2025 WLA-YSIG Mini-Conference is scheduled for May 1-2 in Douglas, Wyoming, with the Converse County Library in Douglas hosting. The conference theme is “Spread Color, Spark Joy!”, and all Wyoming Youth Services Librarians are invited to attend. Stay tuned for more info soon!

Celebrations and Resources



A new month is nearly upon us! March is **National Reading Month** for the United States, and it's also month

full of celebrations related to libraries, literacy, and learning.

Here are some of the important celebrations coming up in March:

- March is also **Women’s History Month!** Check out the [Women’s History Month website](#) for valuable resources, as well as the [Women’s Suffrage in Wyoming subject guide](#) on GoWYLD for information about important women in Wyoming’s history.
- **National Consumer Protection Week** is March 2-8, 2025, and helps people understand their consumer rights and avoid fraud and scams. Find more information on the [NCPW website](#).
- **Read Across America Week** is March 2-7 this year, and **Read Across America Day** is March 2. You can find more information about Read Across America on the National Education Association [website](#).
- **National Grammar Day** is March 4. Did you know that [Mometrix](#) on GoWYLD has a collection of videos about various English language and grammar topics including capitalization, punctuation, usage, and more?
- **Pi Day** on March 14 is the perfect opportunity for math to take center stage. Check out the Pi Day [website](#) for ideas on how to celebrate this deliciously mathematical day.

- **National Freedom of Information Day** is celebrated annually on or around March 16. This special day commemorates the National Freedom of Information Act and public access to government information. Find more information on the [FOIA website](#).
- Are you looking for a way to celebrate **World Poetry Day** on March 21? Look no further than the [poetry resources](#) on GoWYLD!
- **National Tolkien Reading Day** March 25 celebrates the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, and many more works of fiction and philology. Use [Libby](#) on GoWYLD to check out J.R.R. Tolkien's work in e-book or e-audiobook form, or check out GoWYLD's [readers advisory tools](#) to find similar books you or your patrons may enjoy.

The Wyoming State Library wishes you a great March, and we hope you find plenty of opportunities to celebrate!

What's Up? If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Christi Weinzierl at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION ON GOWYLD

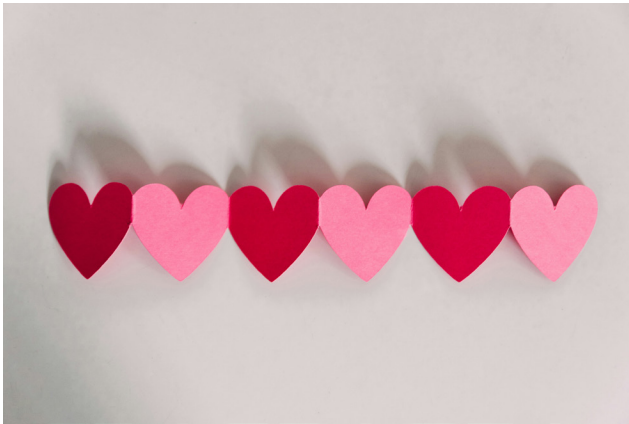
February 3-9 was National College Financial Prep Week, and February was also Financial Aid Awareness Month! [GoWYLD](#) has several eLearning resources, including [Mometrix](#) and [LinkedIn Library](#) that can help you and your student plan for funding future educational plans.

Mometrix also includes a variety of test prep resources, as well as other useful tools for career development, but in regards to preparing financially for college, the article, "[How to Apply for Financial Aid](#)," can assist you and your family as you plan for your student's future. You can use Mometrix with or without logging in with your Wyoming library card and PIN, however, logging in will save your information and progress.

LinkedIn Learning is a collection of e-Learning courses on everything from professional and personal development to technical learning on specific software. Included in these beneficial courses is "Evaluating College as an Investment", a course that discusses everything from how to choose the right major for your personality and goals to funding your education effectively. To access LinkedIn Learning on GoWYLD, log in with your Wyoming library card and PIN.

Check out these useful resources on GoWYLD as part of your family's educational planning or share them with patrons to help them get ready to invest in the future!

WYOMING VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS THROUGH HISTORY



How did people celebrate Valentine's Day seventy-five, one hundred, or even more years ago? The answers can be found in the [Wyoming State Library's Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection](#)!

According to an article in the *Laramie Weekly Sentinel* on Valentine's Day in 1876, customs including catching owls and sparrows, tying valentine cards to pieces of fruit, pinning bay leaves to pillows, or simply eating hardboiled eggs have been associated with Valentine's Day. If you would like to learn more about *Some Curious Ways of Observing St. Valentine's Day*, check out the full article in the Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection.

According to an article found in the issue of the Uinta Chieftain printed on February 17, 1950,

high school students and staff at South High School held a dance during the last hour of the school day. Their school principal, Ken Muir, taught the students a variety of group dances, including the Virginia Reel.

The Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection gives patrons the opportunity to search the newspapers of Wyoming's past by title, date, tag, or county. Check it out today!

People News



Conrado Saldivar is an inaugural recipient of the Past Presidents' Scholarship, which provides \$1,000 toward the cost of attending the MPLA Leadership Institute. He is currently the Tech Services

Manager at the Natrona County Library in Casper, Wyoming, and serves as Guest Faculty at the University of Washington iSchool. Conrado is a past president of the Wyoming Library Association, and he has been a member of MPLA since 2020.

Training

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 AI SUMMIT



Save the date for the 2025 [AI Summit](#) on May 30, hosted by The University of Wyoming Libraries, the Wyoming State Archives, and the Wyoming State Library. This event is tailored especially for the staff of Wyoming libraries and cultural heritage institutions.

Organizers are working to line up speakers that will be the most beneficial and would like your input. Complete this [survey](#) to communicate your needs with us.

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Professional Opportunities

LAKE SUPERIOR LIBRARIES SYMPOSIUM CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR JUNE CONFERENCE



The organizers of the Lake Superior Libraries Symposium (LSLS) are accepting proposals from library professionals for breakout session for their 13th annual conference to be held on June 6, 2025, at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minnesota.

This year's theme is "Embrace, Engage, Excel: Libraries in Their Communities."

Possible presentation topics include, but are not limited to data-driven decision-making,

storytelling, outreach, programming, strategic planning, partnerships, staff development, collection development, facilities planning, and stewardship.

To find more information or submit a proposal visit the [LSLS conference website](#).

Library Jobs



The Wyoming State Library maintains a job board for library positions around the state. Here are the latest opportunities.

Contact Christi Weinzierl at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov to post jobs.

[Interlibrary Loan Technician](#)

Wyoming State Library
 Cheyenne, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted February 12, 2025

[Assistant Librarian-Instructional Design Librarian](#)

University of Wyoming-Education & Research
 Services Division
 Laramie, WY
 Open Until Filled
 Posted January 29, 2025

[Library Assistant, Senior](#)

Acquisitions-UW Libraries
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted January 17, 2024

[Library Assistant, Senior](#)

Interlibrary Loan-UW Libraries
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted January 6, 2024

[Assistant Librarian-Collection Management Librarian](#)

University of Wyoming-Resource Discovery and Management Division
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted October 17, 2024

[Library Branch Manager](#)

Fremont County Library System
 Riverton, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted October 7, 2024

Grants & Awards

[Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture](#)

Deadline: March 15, 2025

Talk Story grant funding supports library and community organization opportunities to highlight AANHPI and AIAN stories through programs, services, and collection materials. Children and families can connect to rich cultural activities through Talk Story in their homes, libraries, and communities while challenging mainstream Anglocentric literacy practices. They welcome libraries and community organizations to develop their own Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture project to serve family literacy needs. Four grants of \$500 are available to libraries and community organizations that serve AANHPI or AIAN children and their families. With the exception of cross-border tribal organizations, organizations must be based in the United States or U.S. territories. Organizations who have previously been awarded two *Talk Story* grants are ineligible for additional awards.

[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 due to 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 an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in the classroom, including: a \$350 Honoraria (a “thank you” for the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper’s time and energy) 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. Grant 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 the 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.

Books Save Lives Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Each Books Save Lives Grant will provide up to \$5,000 per school library. The grant money must be used toward purchasing diverse books, and the books must remain on the shelves for a minimum of three years. Applicants must nominate a school library within the United States to receive a Books Save Lives Grant. Applications may be completed anonymously. The grant must be used to purchase diverse books for school libraries. Winning libraries may select titles and quantities based on book lists provided by WNDB. We will ship the books directly to the school. *Note: New books will be added to the list.* Winning schools must provide a signed written agreement that the books they receive via the grant will remain on shelves for a minimum of three years.

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 this 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 local sponsors for the purchase of up to \$1,200 worth (at retail value) of new, quality, hardcover children's books. They 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.

[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 is limited to Black Hills Energy service areas.

[BNSF Railway Foundation Grants](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Supports organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. Generally, BNSF will consider requests for funding that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories: civic services, cultural organizations, educational institutions, health and human service organizations, youth organizations, and federally recognized tribal governments.

[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

[It's Official: Research Has Found That Libraries Make Everything Better](#)

Science has backed up what many of us have long been saying: the library rocks! A study from the New York Public Library surveyed 1,974 users on how the library makes them feel and how it affects their lives, and the results are overwhelmingly positive.

[Exploring Black History Month](#)

[Programming in Public Libraries](#)

Celebrate Black History Month by revisiting this insightful conversation with Dr. Deborah Robinson and Dr. Grace Jackson-Brown. (Originally released December 18, 2023). In this podcast episode, the hosts explore the Black History Month Programming in Public Libraries study, a three-year research project funded by the University of Michigan. Guests discuss the scope, content, and impact of Black History Month offerings in public libraries across the U.S. Tune in to learn more about how libraries engage communities in honoring Black history and culture.