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Students Rise to Cybersecurity Challenge

On April 20, the CyberWyoming Alliance and the Wyoming State Library hosted the Cyber-In-A-Box School Video Challenge virtual premiere, showcasing creative videos written, produced, and filmed by participating school and club teams across Wyoming. Sponsored by Microsoft and ISI Wyoming, the challenge invited school and club teams to create a humorous cyber safety video or demystify a technology topic, like blockchain. Each team received t-shirts and \$100 to purchase supplies.

Schools from throughout the state submitted videos for the challenge, including six teams from Twin Spruce Middle School in Gillette, three teams from Laramie County's 4-H Robotics Club, one team from Johnson Junior High School, one team from Jackson High School, two teams from Buffalo High School, one team from Laramie High School, and two teams from Code Ninjas of Casper.



Cyber-in-a-Box School Video Challenge participants

The premiere featured all the videos submitted, highlighting the innovative ideas and creativity that the students brought to the table. The event included an audience of educators, students, judges, library employees, and parents tuning in to watch. The first set of videos have been released and are now available on the [State Library's website](#).

[Read more](#) about this exciting event and the Cyber-in-a-Box program on the WSL blog.

Wyoming Reads



A first grader enjoying her new book at Campbell County Public Library in Gillette.

On May 16, 2023 the 25th anniversary of [Wyoming Reads](#) occurred. Wyoming Reads is an initiative to promote literacy as all Wyoming first graders can attend a day in celebration of reading and receive their very own hardcover picture book. All 23 Wyoming counties participated in the 18th statewide Wyoming Reads event that originated in Casper 25 years ago. Approximately 7,100 first graders took part in the celebrations.

The event was created to honor the memory of Sue Jorgensen, a teacher who had a love for children and a passion for literacy. Her husband created the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation in 1996. This led to the creation of Casper Cares, Casper Reads, which later went statewide and became known as Wyoming Reads. [Visit the WSL blog](#) to see more photos and learn more about this great event.



Carbon County Library System Executive Director Maria Wenzel reading at the Jeffrey Center in Rawlins.



Students with their selections at Kaycee Branch Library.



School buses lined up outside Laramie County Library in Cheyenne at the start of the day.

WSL News

CHRIS VAN BURGH TO RETIRE FROM WYOMING STATE LIBRARY



Chris Van Burgh

After an accomplished 42-year career in librarianship, Chris Van Burgh [is retiring](#) from her position as Database Instruction Librarian at the Wyoming State Library on June 2.

Chris began her career with the University of Wyoming Libraries in 1981. In 1998 she joined the WSL, traveling around the state to train library staff on [GoWYLD.net](#). She continues to share the incredible wealth of resources available to Wyoming in GoWYLD.

“We’re thrilled for Chris as she starts her new adventures, but also incredibly sad for the

loss of her talent and institutional memory,” said Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Librarian. “We’ve appreciated her energy, enthusiasm, and sunshiny personality. She’ll truly be missed.”

Chris was a driving force behind the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute, which provides opportunities for learning, mentoring, and developing leadership skills. Over more than 20 years, WLLI has boasted 164 graduates. Many took the skills they learned and stepped into leadership positions.

“To you, my Wyoming Library Community, I’m so grateful for and appreciative of all your time, talent, tears, and tenacity,” Chris said. “I’ve been very lucky to get to work with you all. Stay strong, support each other, and keep in touch.”

Read the [full story](#) on Chris’s career and achievements on the WSL blog.



Calendar

Jun 1-30

[Rainbow Book Month](#)

Jun 22-27

[ALA Conference](#)

Jul 10-14

[National Summer Learning Week](#)

TWO NEW EMPLOYEES JOIN THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY TEAM



L to R: Savannah Erickson and Genesis Schell

The Wyoming State Library welcomed two new additions to our team. **Savannah Erickson** is our new Collections Technician, and **Genesis Schell** is our Interlibrary Loan Technician.

"It's exciting to have two new people start at the same time," said Abby Beaver, Information Services Manager. "We're looking forward to what they'll accomplish on our team."

Savannah recently graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's in English and minors in journalism, creative writing, and anthropology. She has volunteer experience with the Loveland Public Library and most recently at the Laramie County Public Library in Cheyenne.

Her love of books drew her to pursue the job at the WSL. She hopes to help make books and other resources more available to the public and grow her knowledge of libraries and their systems to better serve patrons.

"Savannah's English and writing background will be a great addition," Abby said. "We're so happy with her eagerness to learn about our library and join the library profession."

Genesis graduated from Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming, in 2020 with a degree in photographic communications. Following graduation, she moved to Laramie where she worked for the Albany County Treasurer's Office for two years.

"I've always loved being in libraries, especially around old books," Genesis said. "My mom had worked in the Converse County Public Library many years ago for about a decade and always spoke positively about her experience there, so when this opportunity presented itself I found I could not let it pass, and I'm glad! Everyone I've met so far has been amazingly kind, and I can't wait to get to know everyone better."

"Genesis brings some great experience with local government agencies and customer service," Abby said. "Her communication experience with the public and knowledge of how government policies can work between counties in Wyoming will be a great asset."

WYOMING STATE LIBRARY HOSTS DIRECTORS' ORIENTATION



L to R: Johnson County Library Director Lindsey Belliveau, Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus, Central Wyoming College Library Director Rebecca "Becca" Chavez, and Converse County Library System Director Jan Jolliffe.

The Wyoming State Library welcomed three visitors in May for a library directors' orientation, spending the day visiting with WSL staff and learning about all the services the State Library has to offer. The WSL supports travel for new directors to attend orientations through federal [Library Services and Technology Act](#) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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 LIBRARIES UPGRADES DIGITAL COLLECTIONS PLATFORM

University of Wyoming Libraries is [migrating its digital collections](#) to a new platform. [WyoDigital](#) is an open access repository and home to digitized materials from Emmett D. Chisum Special Collections, UW Libraries' general collections, and collections from other partners. Content includes maps, books, photographs, audio-visual, UW yearbooks, and manuscripts.

"The decision to move the content was driven by the need to improve user experience," said Bryan Ricupero, Digital Collections and Metadata Librarian. "This was an opportunity to better support projects for campus and our community partners." For questions or comments, contact Bryan at (307)766-5615 or bricuper@uwyo.edu.

School Libraries

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OPENING ON SHARED PURCHASES COMMITTEE

The Shared Purchases Committee meets once a month (except for summers) to review databases for inclusion on [GoWYLD](#). The committee is made up of librarians from around Wyoming. Because there are public and academic librarians

on the committee, it's important to also have K-12 librarians. The recommendations from this committee help determine what e-resources are available to Wyoming residents and students.

If you're interested in representing K-12 interests on the Shared Purchases Committee, or have questions, reach out to Paige Bredenkamp at paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6331.

WYOMING BOOK AWARDS 2023-24 NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

[Nominees](#) for the 2023-24 [Wyoming Book Awards](#) have been announced.

The Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Literacy Association jointly sponsor these three awards to provide an opportunity for the youth of Wyoming to read and select favorite books and to honor the authors of those books.

Along with the [information and resources](#) on the WLA website, TeachingBooks has granted free access to resources for these specific titles until the next lists are created:

- [Buckaroo Book Award, 2023-2024, Grades K-3](#)
- [Indian Paintbrush Book Award, 2023-2024, Grades 4-6](#)
- [Soaring Eagle Book Award, 2023-2024, Grades 7-12](#)

Databases & Electronic Resources

FIND PERSONAL OR BUSINESS LEGAL FORMS IN GOWYLD



[GoWYLD](#) includes Gale LegalForms. Locate it alphabetically or under the [Law](#) subject category. This resource allows you to create accurate, reliable legal documents for free at your library or with a Wyoming library card. Many forms and documents are available in Word and Adobe format so you can simply “fill in the blanks.”

This resource offers forms such as landlord tenant, wills, healthcare, real estate, name change, construction, bills of sale, and consents and permissions. You'll find Wyoming-specific “attorney forms” — officially approved forms actually used by law firms. Small business owners and entrepreneurs will find an array of forms for human resources, accounting, licenses,

and more. There's a Tax Forms link that goes to the Wyoming Department of Revenue's excise tax forms and more than 2,000 sample letters. Gale LegalForms is available for free from your library or, using your Wyoming library card and PIN, from your personal computer or mobile device. For more information, contact your local library or contact the Wyoming State Library at statelibrary@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6333.

Intellectual Freedom

FREE, ONLINE MINI-CONFERENCE ON BANNED BOOKS AND CENSORSHIP

The second Library 2.023 mini-conference, "[Banned Books and Censorship: Current Intellectual Freedom Issues in the Library](#)," will be held online (and for free) on Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. MDT. They'll examine the current trends in censorship and explore solutions for how to promote library principles in an era of increasing polarization. [Register here](#) to attend this free event live or receive the recording links afterward.

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Wyoming Library Association

WLA CALLS FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS, GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Wyoming Library Association's Awards/ Grants Committee is [accepting](#)



[nominations](#) until July 31 for the Outstanding Hero/Heroine, Outstanding Librarian, Outstanding Library, and Lifetime Achievement awards. The Nora Van Burgh Grant is also available for continuing education.

If you know of anyone, or a group, deserving of recognition for what they have done in or for a Wyoming library, this is the time to nominate them for those achievements.

An awards reception for recipients will be held at the WLA 2023 Conference.

[Learn more](#) and submit your nominations or grant applications online by July 31, 2023. Questions may go to WLAwardsCommittee@gmail.com or Travis Pollok and Nicholle Gerharter at travis.pollok@wyo.gov and ngerharter@parkcountylibrary.org.

People News

CAREY HARTMANN TO RETIRE FROM LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Laramie County Library System's Board of Directors has announced that after over 42 years of remarkable service to the organization, County Librarian and Executive Director Carey Hartmann will retire from Laramie County Library System, effective July 1, 2023. The library will host a public retirement celebration to honor Carey at 10 a.m. that day.



Carey Hartmann

Carey began her career with the library in November 1980 when she joined the organization's Children's Division. She continued working in positions of increasing responsibility before ultimately being appointed as the County Librarian in August 2015. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Arizona and has served the library profession through her roles with the American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association, and other committees and organizations.

Carey led the library through the COVID-19 pandemic, balancing the need to provide vital community services with a dedication to protecting employees and community members. She played a pivotal role in successfully opening the new library building in 2007 and has worked to expand services offered in the system's three library buildings and on the bookmobile.

Laura Block, Deputy Director of Operations, has been appointed Interim Director. Laura has served the organization for 21 years, been a member of the Leadership Team for 19 years, and served on the library's Administration Team since 2012. She holds a Master of Science in Administration and a Senior Professional in Human Resources certification.

JAN JOLLIFFE IS NEW DIRECTOR AT CONVERSE COUNTY LIBRARY

Jan Jolliffe has joined the Converse County Library as its new Director. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and a Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.



Jan Jolliffe

Jan's library career began in graduate school as an intern at a corporate library. She went on to serve as Interim Director of Frisco Public Library and then as a school librarian at the elementary, middle school, high school, and district levels.

For two years, she served as the Director of the Western Library System in Nebraska, providing support to all of the libraries in the Western region through training, consulting, networking, and promotion, in conjunction with the Nebraska Library Commission. She was drawn to the Converse County position as a result

of her passion for community and the unique opportunity the library provides to connect at an individual level with both residents and visitors.

"Our community understands that a library provides a central hub to learn, relax, and pursue personal interests for both leisure and business opportunities," she said. "Our libraries welcome everyone, and we help to strengthen our communities by being a trustworthy resource as part of our mission. It's my hope we can provide everyone with a useful foundation from which to learn, relax, and prosper through life's journey."

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MISSY HARRIS NAMED DIRECTOR OF LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Missy Harris has been named as the new Director for Lincoln County Library System. She's been with the library since May of 2001, most recently serving as the Assistant Director. Her pre-library background was in accounting, administration, and customer service. "I've been learning about libraries and how they operate for over 20 years," she said. "The opportunity to positively impact our communities is higher than ever. I want to ensure we continue to grow along the path laid out by our previous director, while adapting to the ever changing needs of our communities."



Missy Harris

Missy said the library system has a supportive library board as well as county commissioners who have been committed to funding libraries. She hopes to build on the library's success so that it continues to grow and to be a cornerstone of its local communities.

"I was fortunate to have parents who introduced me to the library at a very young age," Missy

said. "The ability to see a world beyond my small corner and to dream about other possible lives helped shape my life. I never imagined that one day, I would be in a position to enable others to explore worlds through using the library."

FOUR FROM WYOMING SELECTED FOR MPLA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



L to R: Judi Boyce, Sublette County Library Assistant Director; Betsy O'Neil, Natrona County Library Adult Services Manager; and Angela Jordan, Teton County Library Adult Services Manager. Not pictured: Katrina Brown, Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library Director.

Three Wyoming librarians — Judi Boyce, Betsy O'Neil, and Angela Jordan — attended the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute that was held May 7-12 in Estes Park. A fourth, Katrina Brown, was selected but was unable to attend. The three learned how to identify their leadership strengths and how to grow those strengths to benefit their workplaces, larger library community, and their local communities. [Read more](#) about Judi, Betsy, Angela, and Katrina in MPLA's latest newsletter.

HAVENGA IS INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY LIBRARY

Michelle Havenga is serving as the Interim Library Director for the Sheridan County Public Library System. Havenga took the place of Cameron Duff who left the library system after more than 12 years of service. Michelle worked as a children's librarian for 40 years with the Sheridan County Library before her retirement in August 2021

Training

SHRAB HOSTS WORKSHOP IN JUNE

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board ([WY SHRAB](#)) is hosting an in-person workshop, "Photographic and Audiovisual Materials Identification and Care," on Thursday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop led by John Waggener, University of Wyoming Archivist and Historian, will be held in-person at UW's American Heritage Center. This workshop will familiarize attendees with the many types of photographic and audiovisual formats. It will include a hands-on demonstration of how to identify photographs, negatives, and audiovisual materials, and how to properly preserve and handle them.

[Learn more and register](#) on WY SHRAB News & Events. The event is free, but limited to 30

participants. The workshop is sponsored by the WY SHRAB with funds received from the National Historical Records and Publications Commission (NHPRC).

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 May.

- [Autism is Welcome Here](#) (Colorado State Library)
- [Finding and Sharing Primary Source Documents](#) (National Archives)
- [Little Makers: Facilitation and Reflection](#) (Infopeople)
- [Making the Best of Bad Information](#) (Colorado State Library)
- [Discover Primary Source Documents within Gale In Context](#) (Gale)
- [15 Minutes to Mastery: Expand Research Skills with Gale's Highlights and Notes](#) (Gale)

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.

Library Jobs

The Wyoming State Library maintains a [job board](#) for library positions around the state. These are the latest opportunities. Send jobs to post to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

Technical Services Staff

Johnson County Library
Buffalo, WY

Open until filled, with preference given to applications received by May 31, 2023

Branch Manager

Star Valley Branch Library,
Lincoln County Library System
Afton, WY
Open until filled

Housel Director

Buffalo Bill Center of the West,
McCracken Research Library
Cody, WY
Open until filled



Grants & Awards

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Grants

DEADLINE: Letter of Intent by May 31, 2023

Supports development projects and promising research with the potential to significantly enhance the physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, play, social integration, and/or quality of life of children, from birth through seven years of age. Grants are only made if a successful project outcome will likely be of significant interest to other professionals within the grantee's field of endeavor and would have a direct benefit and potential national application.

McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education

DEADLINE: May 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.

Humanities Collections and Reference Resources

OPTIONAL DRAFT DUE: June 6, 2023

DEADLINE: July 18, 2023

National Endowment for the Humanities grants advance scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities by helping

libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations steward important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects. The program strengthens efforts to extend the reach of such materials and make their intellectual content widely accessible. Awards also support the creation of reference resources.

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation Grants

DEADLINE: June 15, 2023

Community enhancement grants for affordable housing, community resilience, community and recreation centers, economic development, libraries, monuments, memorials, and science centers. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

NextFifty Initiative: Advancing Innovation in Aging

DEADLINE: June 21, 2023

NextFifty Initiative focuses on innovative efforts to improve and sustain the quality of life for people in their next 50 years. Invests in innovative projects that seek to rethink how people age, how they feel about aging, and how our society supports aging adults. Grants support new and/or ongoing projects — what you want to do or what you're already doing that explores a new, different, or better way to support older adults or address aging issues.

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; next deadline is June 30, 2023.

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.

The Pilcrow Foundation Children's Book Project

DEADLINE: October 1, 2023

The Pilcrow Foundation provides new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States. A library's local sponsors can contribute from \$200 to \$400, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,200 worth of children's books. The Foundation

provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which grant recipients can select books best suited for their communities. Application deadlines are April 1 and October 1.

U.S. Bank Foundation Community Possible Grants

DEADLINE: Ongoing for letters of interest

Provides support to nonprofit organizations in the 26 states served by U.S. Bank. Grants are provided in the following categories: 1) play, with a focus on access to artistic and cultural enrichment, learning through play, and preserving, protecting, and enhancing outdoor places to play; 2) work, with a focus on small business and workforce development, pathways to higher education, and financial literacy; and 3) home, with a focus on safe, affordable, energy efficient housing and home ownership education. Priority is given to organizations serving low- and moderate-income communities, women, and people of color as well as organizations led by people of color.

News in Brief

Wyoming Historical Society Seeks Executive Director

The Wyoming Historical Society (established in 1953) is seeking an Executive Director to work directly with the Executive Committee, the Wyoming Historical Foundation, members and

chapters across Wyoming and beyond. Serves as the first point of contact for members, chapters, institutions, and the public. The position is currently based in Wheatland, Wyoming, but that is not mandatory. For full job description, salary, and benefits, [see the website](#) or email linda@wyshs.org. To apply, provide a cover letter, resume, and three references to linda@wyshs.org no later than June 1.

Discounted Price for Joint ALA/WLA Membership for Library School Students

Library school students (MLS/MLIS, CAEP, or LTA) are eligible to join both the American Library Association and the Wyoming Library Association at one low price of \$44 a year. Joint student members are full members of both associations. Student members have all of the benefits of active members, including the ability to serve on committees with both organizations and reduced costs for conferences and purchases from the ALA Store. Visit [ALA's webpage](#) to get started.

ALA Announces Theme for Banned Books Week, October 1-7, 2023

The American Library Association has announced the theme for Banned Books Week 2023: "Let Freedom Read!" Banned Books Week will take place October 1-7, 2023. ALA offers a variety of "Let Freedom Read" [downloads and materials](#), including posters, bookmarks, stickers, and buttons, as well as print-on-demand items such as apparel and drinkware. Resources

without dates and branding are also available to encourage use and community engagement throughout the year.

Parton Awarded Honorary American Library Association Membership

The American Library Association (ALA) is set to confer an honorary lifetime membership upon award-winning singer-songwriter, actress, businesswoman, and philanthropist Dolly Parton for her longstanding support and commitment to inspiring a love of books and reading. Recommended by the ALA Executive Board and elected by the ALA Council, honorary membership is the highest honor given by the association and conferred upon a living person whose outstanding contributions have made a lasting impact on librarianship, libraries, and the communities they serve.

ALSC National Institute to be Held in Denver in 2024

The next Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Institute will be nearby in Denver! Youth services staff in Wyoming should mark their calendars for September 19-21, 2024. The ALSC National Institute is an intimate, intensive learning opportunity with a youth services focus. Designed for front-line youth library staff, children's literature experts, education and library school faculty members, and other interested adults, it is one of the only conferences devoted solely to children's librarianship, literature, and technology, and it

takes place every two years. Help the organizers create a meaningful and memorable experience by filling out a brief [pre-Institute survey](#).

Submit Program Proposals for Public Library Association Webinars

A primary source of Public Library Association webinars is their biannual [call for webinar proposals](#), with deadlines of May 31 and November 30 of each year. Proposals submitted by May 31 are considered for presentation in August or later, and proposals submitted by November 30 are considered for presentation in February or later of the following year.



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