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WLMCF SUBGRANT PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS

The Wyoming State Library has recently received word from the U.S. Treasury that an additional \$8,400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding has been added to our current Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility subgrant program!

Another round of applications for library construction and renovation projects that support work, education and health monitoring will be accepted for eligible projects that address community needs that were created, exacerbated, or made apparent by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to improve or enhance your library's facilities to better serve your community.

A huge "thank you" to Christine Emminger in the State of Wyoming Budget office for keeping track of this funding and helping us acquire it!

The application period opened **June 5, 2024**, and will close on **July 8, 2024**.

Find more information and a link to the application [here](#).

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WSL News

ADVANCING CREATIVE AGING IN WYOMING CONVENING



Sam Shumway from AARP of Wyoming, two WAC staff members, and Brian Greene from the WSL participate in a group discussion.

The Wyoming Arts Council (WAC), the Wyoming State Library (WSL), and Lifetime Arts collaborated at the Advancing Creative Aging in Wyoming Convening on June 6 at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to inform stakeholders about creative aging efforts happening throughout Wyoming. This convening was a requirement of participation in the Advancing Creative Aging in Western States Initiative. The Advancing Creative Aging in Western States Initiative was launched in 2023 and is designed to deepen and sustain collaboration among state partners to advance creative aging in the Western region. Currently, the initiative includes partnership teams in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

The day-long event began with networking and opening remarks from the WAC and the WSL, including an introduction by Josh Chrysler, WAC Folklorist & Health and Wellness Specialist. Lifetime Arts, led an orientation session, “Creative Aging: An Essential Component to Serving Older Adults.” A panel discussion, “What is Creative Aging in Wyoming?,” featuring Krisene Watson, Extension and Outreach Services Manager at the Campbell County Public Library, Grace Cannon-Wallace of WYO Performing Arts and Ed Center, and Desiree Brothe of the Cheyenne Creativity Center and moderated by Josh of the WAC.

In the afternoon, the participants were led in a creative exercise by Grace Cannon-Wallace and learned about the “Lay of the Land in Wyoming” from Sam Shumway of AARP Wyoming and Jeff Clark of the Wyoming Department of Health’s Aging Division. Lifetime Arts led a Creative Aging Town Hall and the event wrapped up with a discussion regarding next steps.

Robin Westphal, Missouri State Library and Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian will be talking about this initiative at the Western Council of State Librarians meeting in San Diego later this month. Krisene Watson will be a panelist at the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) in Springfield, Massachusetts, this September and will speak about the IMLS-funded “Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership,” which is the WSL’s joint Creative Aging initiative with Lifetime Arts, CALIFA in CA, and the Missouri State Library.

THE WSL WELCOMES NEW RESOURCE SHARING LIBRARIAN



Shaylee Krueger, the WSL's new Resource Sharing Librarian, brings both knowledge and experience to her new position.

The Wyoming State Library has welcomed **Shaylee Krueger** as the new Resource Sharing Librarian. Shaylee brings twelve years of library experience to this position, having worked in various libraries since the age of fifteen. She graduated from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, with a degree in Sociology, specializing in library science, which led to an internship working in the college library. Her experience includes work in both small and large public libraries, a reference library for a start-up business, and an academic library. She most recently served as the director of the Saint Francis Public Library in St. Francis, Kansas, and is excited to join the WYLD Office at the WSL.

Growing up in rural northeastern Colorado, Cheyenne, Wyoming, was Shaylee's family's destination for shopping, as well as other activities. Shaylee's love of Cheyenne was one reason she applied for this position. She also enjoys learning new library software, connecting with people, and being able to answer questions to help people get what they need, making her a perfect fit for the WSL team. When she's not doing library work, Shaylee enjoys spending time with her family and two cats, playing the flute, reading, cooking, and playing video games. Her first day at the WSL was June 3.

"I'm excited to welcome Shaylee to the WYLD Office and to introduce her to our amazing library community in Wyoming," said Desiree Saunders, WYLD Program Manager for the WSL. "Her experience working in a variety of libraries will bring a fresh perspective to her role as our new Resource Sharing Librarian. Shaylee will be assisting library staff with interlibrary loan, holds management, and related processes as well as providing supplemental support for the WYLD Office."

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.

WYOMING BOYS' STATE DELEGATES VISIT THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY



Travis Pollok poses with the Boy's State delegates during their visit on June 14

Four representatives from the 2024 Wyoming Boys' State delegation visited the Wyoming State Library on Friday, June 14. Each young man was assigned a state government leadership role for the duration of their Boys' State experience. The A&I delegates included **Samuel Saulness** from Buffalo, Boys' State Director of Administration and Information; **Ashton Taylor** from Casper, Boys' State A&I State Librarian; **McKinnon Purcell** from Moorcroft, Boys' State A&I General Services Administrator; and **Lane Owen** from Basin, Boys' State A&I Human Resources Division Administrator.

The delegates were given a tour of the Wyoming State Library's facility by **Travis Pollok**, the WSL's Information Services Manager, and **Vince Crolla**, the WSL's Legislative Specialist,

as well as a folder full of information about the WSL and some fun WSL swag.

Wyoming Boys' State is an annual program sponsored by the American Legion for high school junior boys. (A similar program is held annually for high school junior girls, as well.) Held each June, the program is chance for boys from across Wyoming to gather and learn about their state and how government works. Young men from across the state hear from officials from all levels and branches of government and experience what it takes to create and enact laws and the activities throughout the emphasize leadership, civic engagement and patriotism.

WYLD ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY NOW OPEN



The WYLD Network and the Wyoming State Library are seeking your input on a brief survey regarding the annual meeting in Casper on June 13th and 14th. We'd like to hear from you even if you did not attend. You can find the survey at <https://forms.gle/S8CV5Yyu7Fsp3W2W6>

Around the State

WYOMING READS DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS WYOMING



Antonia Gaona, Executive Director of the Laramie County Library System, reads to a class of Laramie County School District Number One first-graders.

First graders across Wyoming gathered at their nearest county library branch on Tuesday, May 21 to celebrate a very special day in our state-- Wyoming Reads Day.

How did this all begin? Here's a little history: The Sue Jorgensen Literary Foundation was established by the Jorgensen family after their wife and mother, Sue, tragically passed away in an automobile accident. With a goal of promoting literacy in Sue Jorgensen's honor, the SJLF began with a generous donation to

the library at the Jorgensen children's school. It soon grew into a citywide literacy event in Casper, WY, beginning in 1999, through which each first-grader received a new, hardcover book of their very own to take home, read, enjoy with their families, and keep. By 2006, Wyoming Reads became a statewide celebration for all Wyoming first-graders. Live events have been held annually at Wyoming libraries, with the exception of 2020, in which the celebration was held virtually due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Since the program's inception, hundreds of thousands of Wyoming first-graders have chosen and received their Wyoming Reads books during the May events.

The excitement was palpable as the students filed in behind their teachers, found their class' assigned area, and met their guest reader. Judy Norris, volunteer reader and a former LCLS library employee, and Savannah Parris, the WSL's Collections Specialist hosted a read aloud session with two different classes of Cheyenne first-graders sharing *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins and *There's an Alligator Under My Bed* by Mercer Mayer.

"A common topic yesterday was how children's books and reading increase vocabulary. While we were reading *Mother Bruce*, one of the kids in our second group stated that the goslings had "imprinted" themselves on the bear," said Savannah. "That's a word I don't think I knew until the third grade at the earliest."

Several other WSL staff members along with the Laramie County Library staff and many

community volunteers helped the event run smoothly and ensure all the participants had an enjoyable and memorable time. Jessica Otto, the WSL's Research and Statistics Consultant assisted with greeting the teachers and students, making sure they got to their stations, and getting the right books to the right classes. Vince Crolla, the WSL's Legislative Specialist, assisted a volunteer reader while Brian Greene, the WSL's Library Development Manager, and Letitia Bulic, the WSL's Youth Services Consultant, hosted two other groups of children and shared a portion of a Hank the Cowdog mystery. Christi Weinzierl, the WSL's Communications and Grants Specialist, shared several of her favorites with her assigned classes, including *Imogene's Antlers* by David Small, *Froggy Eats Out* by Jonathan London, and *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen.

"I enjoyed getting to share some of the books I used to read to my younger siblings, my own kids, and my past students," said Christi, a former Wyoming educator. "It was also fun to see several former colleagues, get to read to the child of a former student, and attend my very first ever Wyoming Reads event! This is such an amazing program. My two sons had such great experiences when they were first-graders and it was awesome to get to experience it for myself!"

During this year's various events, the children watched a play about "Good Queen Sue" honoring Sue Jorgensen and her love of literacy. They also listened to read-alouds by volunteers including librarians and other professionals from the community. At the end of the event,

each student received a bag of goodies, including the book they chose from this year's list of ten different titles.

If the smiles on the faces of the student leaving the library were sufficient evidence, Wyoming Reads 2024 was a great success!

WYOMING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS ATTEND WYLD ANNUAL MEETING



Rachel Crocker and many other Wyoming librarians at the WYLD Network Business Meeting

Library professionals from across Wyoming met at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming on June 13 and 14 for the WYLD Annual Meeting.

On Thursday morning, participants enjoyed greeting their fellow librarians and getting general updates and information. After lunch, they had the opportunity to participate in their choice of several different breakout sessions regarding cataloging, Aspen, BLUEcloud,

Overdrive, Serials, WorldShare and MessageBee taught by members of the Wyoming State Library staff. On Friday, the WYLD Network Business Meeting was held, as well as a Q and A session with the WSL.

“I’ve been attending WYLD network annual meetings for over 20 years and I always meet someone new, and this year was no exception! We had over 75 people at the meeting, representing 26 different libraries,” said Desiree Saunders, the WSL’s WYLD Program Manager. “The event was a perfect occasion for our two new WYLD Office members, Nick and Shaylee, to introduce themselves as well. State Library staff and Kate Mutch put together an amazing variety of training sessions and I heard many compliments on their efforts.”

Other WSL staff present at the event included the State Librarian, Abby Beaver; the WYLD Office Staff, including Cori Hundley the WSL’s Systems Librarian, Nick Marlin, the WSL’s Library Systems Administrator, Shantry Miller, the WSL’s Bibliographic Services Librarian, Shaylee Krueger, the WSL’s Resource Sharing Librarian; and Katelyn Wittenborn, the WSL’s Digital Initiatives Librarian.

“It was a pleasure to connect and learn with colleagues around the State at the WYLD Annual meeting,” said Rachel Crocker, WYLD Network President. “We have an amazing consortium of libraries that are a great example of cooperation across the State. We are grateful to the State Library for putting together a day of robust training for Wyoming Library staff.”

FREMONT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM HOSTS SUMMER EVENTS



Fremont County kids enjoyed a foam party at the library to kickoff summer reading.

The Fremont County Libraries, located in Dubois, Lander, and Riverton, have been busy hosting summer fun for patrons of all ages. Their first summer events included a combination of art and astronomy for adult patrons and a family-friendly foam party for children and families. Many other activities are planned throughout the summer. Each location has fun programming planned for kids, teens, and adults to learn from and enjoy. Check out each location’s [event calendar](#) for more information.

The Adult Services Department at the Lander Library kicked off its 2024 Summer Reading Program on Tuesday, June 4th in partnership with Sinks Canyon State Park. Patrons joined the FCL for an educational evening of learning about Sinks Canyon’s new DarkSky International status

that encourages community members to keep the Sinks (and Wyoming!) skies dark to better the environment for ourselves and wildlife. Attendees then tried their hand at creating their own dark sky masterpieces with watercolor and salt—all creating stunning works of art reminiscent of the skies in our own backyard!

The younger FCL patrons had the opportunity to celebrate the beginning of summer with a foam party. The FCL’s Youth Services Summer Reading Kick-Off Foam Party took place on May 29. Kids and families had a blast catching the foam projected from a large tube overhead and laughing and playing together as the foam collected around them.

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY KICKS OFF SUMMER WITH FOAM AND NOISE



Charlie Williams, also know as "The Noiseguy," teaches and entertains young HSCL patrons and their families.

The Hot Springs County Library in Thermopolis, Wyoming, kicked off their summer with two special events for kids.

Thermopolis children said “goodbye” to school and “hello” to summer with a foam party on May 29. Bubbles filled the air, covered the grass, and provided fun, hypoallergenic entertainment for the HSCL’s youngest patrons and their families. The foam equipment was provided by Ann Lincoln Entertainment.

The HCSL also hosted Charlie Williams, also know as “The Noiseguy” at their summer reading kickoff event on Friday, June 7. Brightly colored tablecloths covered the tables which each held paper campfire centerpieces. The Noiseguy was



Calendar

July 4	Independence Day
July 10	Wyoming Day
July 29-31	School Library Summit
July 30	Paperback Book Day
July 31	Harry Potter's Birthday
Aug 9	Book Lovers' Day
Sep 1-30	Library Card Sign-up Month
Sep 8	International Literacy Day

dressed for a sound safari in a khaki colored shirt and hat. Outfitted with a microphone, a smile, and an healthy supply of self-created noises, Charlie entertained the audience and taught them about how sound words make stories come alive.

“He was excellent and the kids really enjoyed him!” said Kailey Dvorak, Youth Services Librarian at the HSCL. The HSCL offers programs for patrons of all ages. Check out their [website](#) to find more information.

NIORRARA COUNTY KIDS READ TO A SPECIAL BUDDY

Young Niobrara County Library (NCL) patrons have a weekly opportunity during the summer to practice reading aloud to a unique reading buddy--a dog named Delilah. This arrangement is mutually beneficial to both canines and kids.



Delilah enjoys a story read by a young NCL patron.

“Our hope is that we are fostering reading confidence as the children read out loud,” said Debbie. “And Delilah enjoys the children reading stories to her.” Oral reading is widely known to help kids develop their reading comprehension and fluency, and what better way to fight the summer slide* than read a great book to an adorable, furry friend?

“The program started out as ‘Read with Olivia,’”

said Debbie Sturman, director of the NCL. Since the program’s inception in 2019 with a generous library foundation member willing to bring her dog to the library each week during the summer months, several caring canines have served in this role as “reading buddy” over the past five years, with Delilah currently holding this position of honor at the NCL.

“We have anywhere from four to eight children of varying ages who enjoy this weekly reading time with Delilah,” said Debbie. The NCL has many summer activities planned for patrons of all ages. Check out their [calendar](#) for more information.

**learning loss during the summer months*

SMOKEY THE BEAR VISITS SWEETWATER COUNTY LIBRARY



Smokey the Bear instructs SCL youth about fire safety.

Smokey the Bear paid a visit to the Sweetwater County Library (SCL) on June 11. Young SCL patrons learned about fire safety with Forest Service personnel and Smokey the Bear,

who will celebrate his 80th birthday this August. This special event kicked off the SCL’s series of summer Storytime Adventures.

Since 1944, Smokey the Bear has been the U.S. Forest Service’s mascot and “spokesbear” for

fire prevention. In celebration of his milestone birthday this summer, the Ad Council, the National Association of State Foresters, and the U.S. Forest Service are sponsoring a special reading challenge for kids. The SCL encourages its young patrons to participate in the Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge to learn more about nature, safety, and natural resource careers. Information can be found in the Smokey the Bear cave at the SCL. Find out about upcoming events at the SCL on their [calendar](#).

SUBLETTE COUNTY TEENS CREATE CLAY CREATURES



SCL teens hard at work on their clay creations.

The Sublette County Library in Pinedale held a polymer clay animal event for teens on June 12th. Hard work and creativity resulted in everything from puppies and pigs to snails and caterpillars by the end of the event.

“First, they learned about how to work with polymer clay and then they started to build,” said Kathy LeCheminant, Children’s Specialist for the Sublette County Libraries, “The teens came up with some especially creative ideas,” Kathy said. Sublette County has library locations in both Pinedale and Big Piney, both of which host programs for community members of all ages. Find out more on their [website](#).

SUMMER MAGIC IN CAMPBELL COUNTY

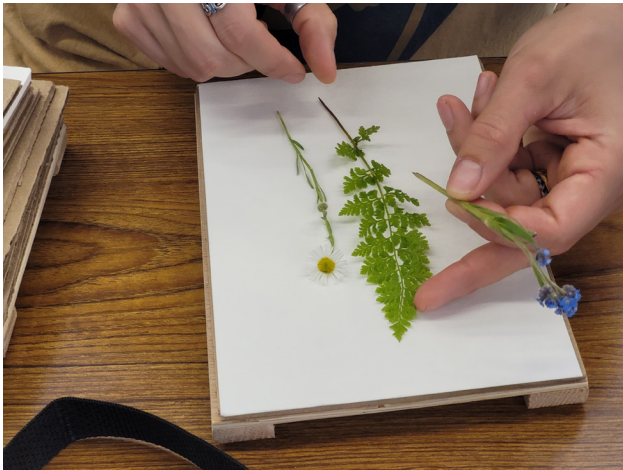


Brian Grey grins as he dazzles his audience at the CCLP.

A crowd of over 150 young Campbell County Public Library (CCPL) patrons and their families watched, gasped, and giggled while Wyoming magician Byron Grey performed on June 13. Byron performed spell-binding sleight-of-hand tricks and hilarious in-the-moment comedy at both branches of the

Campbell County Public Library; one in the morning at the Wright Branch, and another in the afternoon at the main location in Gillette. This performance was a part of the Campbell County Public Library’s summer reading program. See the CCPL’s [events calendar](#) for more information on their upcoming events.

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY HOSTS PLANT PRESSING EVENT



A JCL patron arranges plants on a plant press.

The Johnson County Library in Buffalo, Wyoming, hosted a plant press workshop, in cooperation with local U.S. Forest Service (USFS) staff, as part of their adult summer programming on June 5th. District Ranger, Thad Berrett, and botanist, Beth Davidson, talked about why someone might want to press plants, things to consider when choosing plants to press, as well as good plant gathering etiquette. With plant presses and freshly picked wildflowers donated by the USFS, participants were able to enjoy some hands-on learning pressing flowers using the plants and presses provided. The Johnson County Libraries include locations in both Buffalo and Kaycee. See their [website](#) for more information on their programs for patrons of all ages.

LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY HOSTS THE CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOOMOBILE



A visitor from the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo gets a snack during the presentation.

Laramie County Library System (LCLS) patrons had the opportunity to zoom in on some animals from the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado at a ZOOMobile event the LCLS location in Cheyenne hosted on Friday, June 14. Over 600 attendees learned about the diversity of the animal kingdom and explored the diversity of the different classes within it including amphibians, mammals, reptiles, and more.

“It was so much fun! The lizard they brought had a smile on his face the whole time,” said the event’s coordinator, Lauren Johnson, the LCLS’s Youth Services Librarian. The LCLS has locations in Cheyenne, Burns, and Pine Bluffs. Find out more on their [events calendar](#).

SHERIDAN COUNTY BUILDS CREATIVITY WITH LEGO



A young SCPLS patron adds an important brick to his Lego build.

The Sheridan County Public Library System (SCPLS) hosted “Free Build Friday” last week and invited children of all ages to drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to unleash their creativity and craft masterpieces with Lego bricks.

“It’s a great chance for them to team up with other kids and let those creative juices flow,” said Zola Shockley, Youth Services Manager at the SCPLS. “All age groups are encouraged to participate, and Duplo blocks are provided for our younger visitors.” The SCPLS has locations in Sheridan, Clearmont, Story, and Tongue River. Each location hosts many programs for patrons of all ages. Find out more about their upcoming events on their [webpage](#).

BEADS, BUTTERFLIES, AND BUDDING ARTISTS IN GOSHEN COUNTY



GCL kids work on a paper mosaic project at the library's weekly summer reading event.

Many things were happening at once at the Goshen County Library (GCL) in Torrington, Wyoming, on June 19. Some children were making bracelets with beads they’d earned

for reaching their summer reading goals, while others

participated in crafts or other literacy-related activities. Still others waited in line to check out their most recent book choices to take home and enjoy. Middle-schoolers crafted at a table in one room while younger patrons worked on their own masterpieces in the library’s foundation building. Amidst all this other activity, butterflies waited patiently to be released in the wild. The GCL was a beehive of excitement with children, parents, and library staff--all abuzz with their love of reading.

“We have between 100 and 125 kids show up each week,” said Cristine Braddy, director of the GCL. The GCL has programming for patrons of all ages. Find out more on their [website](#). Also, stay tuned for more about the Goshen Library in a future issue.

SHARE YOUR SUMMER READING EVENTS WITH THE WSL



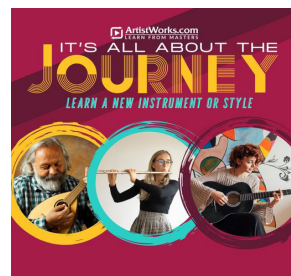
What fun events and programs has your library hosted this summer? Send information, quotes from

library staff or patrons, and photos from your summer reading events to [Christi Weinzierl](#), Communication and Grants Specialist for the Wyoming State Library. This is a great way to promote our wonderful Wyoming libraries, get new ideas for your library, and share ideas with other Wyoming libraries! A huge “thank you” to those who have already shared your amazing events with us; the WSL looks forward to sharing even more summer awesomeness!



Databases & E-Resources

UW ADDS ARTISTWORKS TO OFFERINGS ON LIBBY AND OVERDRIVE



University of Wyoming Libraries has added the **ArtistWorks** platform to OverDrive, the statewide e-content provider, and Libby, a one-tap reading app.

ArtistWorks offers world-class instruction from Grammy Award-winning music professionals. The platform offers over 40 lessons ranging from basic music theory to mandolin through online, self-paced tutorials. **These lessons can be accessed by any Wyoming resident with a Wyoming library card.**

“It was an easy decision to add these amazing videos to the robust collection of e-books and audiobooks we provide to the UW community,” said Jamie Markus, assistant dean of resource discovery and management. “It became a true winner when we realized we could make them available to anyone with a Wyoming library card.”

In 2021, UW Libraries partnered with Wyoming’s seven community colleges, the Wyoming State Library and county libraries to provide statewide and university-wide access to OverDrive and Libby. The partnership allows all libraries to share content with all

Wyoming library patrons and UW community members. This includes digital access to e-books, e-audiobooks, magazines, videos, comics and more. State patrons can access ArtistWorks under “Extras” on OverDrive and Libby platforms. Access to ArtistWorks is valid for 30 days. When it expires, users can get access through OverDrive and Libby again.

Libby is available in the Apple App Store and on Google Play. The app allows users to borrow e-books, audiobooks and magazines to read on mobile devices. Borrowed e-books also are compatible with the Kindle e-reader. For more information about the app, go to www.overdrive.com/apps/libby. For more information about OverDrive and Libby, including FAQs for access, visit <https://uwyo.libguides.com/ebookhelp>.

D-DAY IN WYOMING NEWSPAPERS



Cover page of the June 9, 1941 Slip Stream newspaper.

Earlier this month, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the World War II D-Day invasion. On June 9, 1944, the *Slip Stream*, the newspaper of the Casper Air Field, reported that their personnel had “jubilantly” heard the news:

“With dreamy eyes they harkened

to the news that American troops knocked out enemy pillboxes and other fortifications along the Atlantic wall and swelled with pride as the Germans announced that the Allies battled their way 10 miles inland from the coast of Normandy, wiping out the most important air fields in the Normandy area.”

Find more on-the-spot reporting from Wyoming’s history using the [Wyoming Newspapers database](#) on the [WSL’s Digital Collection Suite](#).

ANYBODY GOT A PEN?



June 10 was National Ballpoint Pen Day. Whether you prefer blue, black, or a brighter shade of ink, we would all

certainly miss these essential tools if we didn’t have them! Ballpoint pens were invented and patented in 1888, but did not become available in the U.S. until 1945 when they could be purchased for a whopping \$12 per pen. Find out more about the history of ballpoint pens [here](#).

Like ballpoint pens, all the great things we use to make our lives easier and more comfortable started as someone’s idea. In fact, some of them were even invented by people who lived in Wyoming!

The Wyoming State Library's Digital Collections Suite has resources to help you learn about the origin of some of your favorite tools and gizmos, as well as materials to help you learn more about patenting your own great ideas. Check out [Wyoming Inventors](#) and [Wyoming Trademarks](#) to find out about historic and contemporary innovations generated by Wyomingites and the [Wyoming Patent and Trademark Resource Center](#) to learn more about the patent and trademark process. You can also watch a webinar recently presented by our the WSL's Publications Librarian, Anne Kuipers, "Make Your Mark: Trademarks," [here](#).

TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL



June 13 was Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA) Day. This day honors these dedicated professionals that serve

others on a daily basis, acting as coordinators between doctors and patients. Like many professionals, CNAs must pass an exam in order to earn and maintain their certification.

The [Wyoming State Library's GoWYLD portal](#) has a resource to help students and professionals of various ages and professions prepare for the exams necessary for their education and careers. **Mometrix** has flashcards, practice tests, and more to help you study and do your best on a

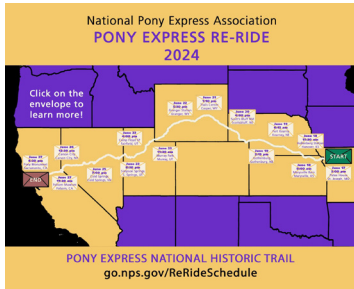
myriad of academic and professional exams including nursing, business, construction, and more. Check it out today under the eLearning tab on GoWYLD!

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH BY EXPLORING ITS HISTORY ON GOWYLD



June 19 was Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day, [Freedom](#) Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day. This day celebrates the emancipation in the late 1800s of the people who had been enslaved in the U.S. Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in the U.S. in 2021. Learn more about this important celebration on the [Wyoming State Library's GoWyld portal's Gale in Context resource](#).

PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDES THROUGH WYOMING



The National Pony Express Association recreated the Pony Express in a Commemorative Re-Ride June 17-24, which included

a segment across Wyoming. Click [here](#) for more details on the annual re-ride event. Also, be sure to visit our [Wyoming Places digital collection](#) (using the Feature Type dropdown for your search and selecting Pony Express Station) for the route and stops of this historic trail.

Training

REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SUMMIT IN LANDER

The Summer School Library Summit will be held July 29-31 in Lander. The purpose of the summit is to help school librarians from across Wyoming find community and build their skills this summer. Sessions will focus on the professional development needs of school librarians and paraprofessionals in our schools. **Registration closes July 12.**

Please reach out with any questions: msnider@tcsd.org or wyoSLIG@gmail.com

TRADEMARK WEBINAR RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE



Anne Kuipers, the WSL’s State Publications Librarian, presented a free webinar, “Make Your Mark: Trademarks,” earlier this month. Were you unable to attend the webinar but would like to view the recording? The recording of the webinar is now available for you to watch at your convenience [here](#).

The webinar addresses the fundamentals of trademarks and explores the Trademark Digital Collection offered by the WSL, with both historical and modern trademark applications, also investigating the answers to such questions as:

- What is a trademark?
- How do trademarks function?
- How can I search for Wyoming-specific trademarks?
- How do I apply for a trademark?

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: LEAD THE WAY CONFERENCE



A call for proposals is now open for next year's [Lead the Way: Libraries At The Heart Of Community Engagement](#)

[Conference](#) scheduled for April 21-22, 2025, in Madison, Wisconsin.

This is a great opportunity to share strategies for building community partnerships, strategic planning, programs to engage the community, funding opportunities, and more! Sessions for the conference will be one hour and priority will be given to sessions that include interactive elements and audience participation. Every selected session will receive one complimentary conference registration. [Submit](#) your idea today!

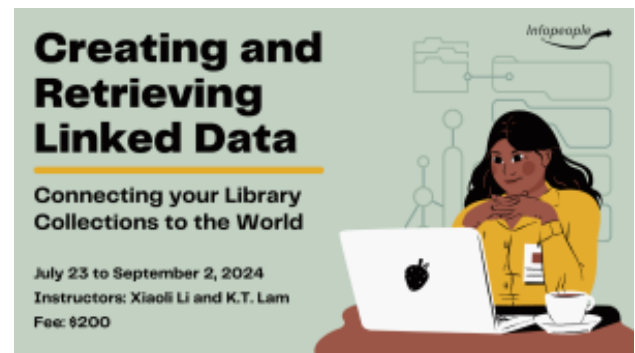
The conference committee is also looking for [roundtable moderators](#) to help lead conversations around community partnerships, community pushback, funding options, and more.

The deadline to submit session proposals and roundtable applications is September 2, 2024.

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LIMITED NO-COST SEATS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE COURSE: CREATING AND RETRIEVING LINKED DATA



Have you heard the term “linked data” and want to know how and why it would be an improvement to library services? Are you curious about BIBFRAME, a potential replacement for MARC format, and how MARC data would need to change to become BIBFRAME?

Infopeople is offering a 6-week-long online course, “Creating and Retrieving Linked Data: Connecting Your Library Collections to the World” that will run from July 23 to September 2, 2024. This six-week course will include two interactive 60-minute online sessions on Wednesday, August 7, 8:00 a.m. (MDT) and Wednesday, August 21, 8:00 p.m. (MDT). Instructors will be Xiaoli Li and K.T. Lam. Cost is \$200.

Do you work in a small, rural, or tribal library? Each course has up to five no-cost seats available to rural or tribal libraries. Fill out your fee waiver request [here](#) and if a no-cost seat is available you will be notified.

Library Jobs

[Associate Librarian – Assistant Dean, User Services](#)

University of Wyoming – User Services Division
Laramie, WY
Open Until Filled
Posted June 25, 2024

[Assistant/Associate Librarian – Special Collections Librarian](#)

University of Wyoming – Education & Research Services Division
Laramie, WY
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[Director of Business Operations](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
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Posted May 13, 2024

[Library Specialist](#)

University of Wyoming-Resource Discovery & Management Division
Laramie, WY
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Posted May 3, 2024

[FCLS Summer Internship Program](#)

Fremont County Library System
Dubois, Lander, and Riverton, WY
3 positions available, one at each location
Posted May 1, 2024

New Books

[Never Split the Difference: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It](#)

Chris Voss
New York: HarperBusiness, 2016

[Transforming Young Adult Services](#)

Anthony Bernier
Chicago : ALA Neal-Schuman, 2020

[Ego, Authority, Failure Using Emotional Intelligence Like a Hostage Negotiator to Succeed as a Leader](#)

Derek Gaunt
Palmyra, VA: Black Swan Group Press, 2022

[Leading for School Librarians: There is No Other Option](#)

Hilda K. Weisburg
Chicago: Neal-Schuman, an imprint of the American Library Association, 2017

[The Practical Handbook of Library Architecture: Creating Building Spaces That Work](#)

Fred Schlipf, Joe Huberty, and John A. Moorman
Chicago : ALA Editions, 2024

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Grant and Award Opportunities

[Wyoming Arts Council Creative Aging Project Grant](#)

DEADLINE: July 10, 2024

The Creative Aging Project Grant is open to non-profit organizations and to individual teaching artists to develop Creative Aging programming in Wyoming communities. This is a competitive grant. Grants will be awarded to organizations and/or individual teaching artists in order to develop and implement between one and four separate 8-week creative aging programs by June 30th, 2025. Grants will be awarded in increments of \$2,500 for each 8 week creative aging program (\$2,500 for one program, \$5,000 for two programs, \$7,500 for three programs, \$10,000 for four programs). There is no match requirement.

[State Intellectual Freedom Helpline Grants](#)

Deadline: July 15, 2024

State library and school library association chapters and state library agencies are encouraged to apply to receive a \$10,000 grant to establish or bolster a statewide Intellectual Freedom Helpline.

[The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize](#)

Deadline: July 31, 2024

The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between the Gerald

M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. When libraries, civic entities, organizations, and the people they serve become close partners, their communities thrive. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the February issue of *Library Journal* and online.

[Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Bookmobile Book Grants](#)

Deadline: September 1, 2024

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants to organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. The grants are for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Bookmobiles operated by charitable [501(c)(3)] and other non-taxable agencies, including public libraries or schools, are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases, and cannot be used for administrative or operational uses.

[Rocky Mountain Power Foundation](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has four grant opportunities throughout the year. The next opportunity is for Arts festivals, cultural heritage, museums, music, theater/drama

and visual arts. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

[Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The mission of the Jan Stauber Grants 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: we will continue adding books to the lists.* 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 our 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 a local sponsors for the purchase of up to \$1,200 worth (at retail value) of new, quality, hardcover children's books. We 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. The book list includes award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

[Black Hills Corporation Community Giving](#)

in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. They 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 a federally recognized tribal government.

[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

[Early Childhood Trauma Toolkit Now](#)

Available In January 2024, the Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee published the Early Childhood Trauma Toolkit in order to support caregivers and library workers working with young children (ages 0-8) who have experienced trauma. The resources included are books and booklists, podcasts, videos, websites, and articles. Additionally, each of these sections provides materials for use by caregivers, families, and library workers.

[The Role of Libraries in Navigating an](#)

AI-Empowered Future In this episode of FYI, the Public Libraries Podcast, we explore the transformative impact of AI on public libraries with Juan Rubio, Digital Media and Learning Expert at the Seattle Public Library. Drawing from his article in the May/June 2024 issue of Public Libraries magazine, our conversation

covers how AI can revolutionize library services, addresses ethical considerations, and highlights the importance of AI literacy.

[Kid Friendly Dewey](#) This blog discusses a fun and easy way to make non-fiction more accessible to young readers.

[MARC Control Fields](#) This video tutorial, provides a high-level overview of how control fields are constructed, describes how they relate to one another and to the descriptive fields in a MARC record, and suggests specific elements within each control field to focus on when you are cataloging.

[Digital Dilemma: Can Restrictive Licensing of Ebooks Destroy the Spirit of Libraries?](#)

As ebook lending explodes, libraries across the United States share concerns that publishers' current restrictive licensing policy could spell doom for the future of libraries.

[Investing in School Libraries and Librarians](#)

[To Improve Literacy Outcomes](#) Libraries and librarians not only spark a love of learning; they are crucial to reversing low reading assessment scores across the country.

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