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Over 500 Photos Shared During Fifteenth Annual Wyoming Snapshot Day



Goshen County patrons smile and share why they're "wyld" about their Wyoming library.

The Wyoming State Library hosted their fifteenth annual Wyoming Snapshot Day virtual event on October 7, 2025.

During the event, 570 photos from 41 libraries in 22 counties were shared. The Wyoming State Library (WSL) thanks everyone who participated for their photos and comments.

The photos and comments collected during Wyoming Snapshot Day were shared on the WSL's social media channels and will be used throughout the year for a variety of projects, including a presentation shown at the annual Legislative Reception.

To view all of the spectacular photos from this year's Wyoming Snapshot Day, visit the [Wyoming Snapshot Day website](#).



Campbell County Library patrons love their Wyoming library, too!

WSL News

THE WSL'S WYLD SUPPORT OFFICE WELCOMES STEPHANIE GERTKEN



The Wyoming State Library is pleased to welcome Stephanie Gertken, who has joined the WYLD Support Team as the Bibliographic Services Librarian. Stephanie, who prefers to be called “Steph,” started her new position on September 22, and she is looking forward to helping make Wyoming librarians’ jobs easier by making sure all library items from books and movies to tools in a library of things are as findable as possible.

“Stephanie brings years of experience in records management, training, and database maintenance to our team,” said Desiree Saunders, WSL WYLD Support Program Manager. “Her background working in a variety

of libraries and state agencies gives her a wide perspective of the types of services that we support. As the Bibliographic Services Librarian, Stephanie will be providing support for technical services in the ILS as well as database integrations with Aspen. I’m very happy to welcome her to the WYLD Office!”

“A library where items can be found is so much more than just a collection of pretty things,” said Steph. “With a great system, people can find those items and put them to good use.” When she is not at work, Steph enjoys reading, playing games (board, card, and video), as well as camping and hiking with her family.

Please join the WSL in welcoming Steph to her new position in the Wyoming library community and seek her guidance regarding your library’s bibliographic needs! Read the full blog post on the [WSL blog](#).



THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY SEEKS A SENIOR LIBRARIAN



The Wyoming State Library is seeking a dynamic and experienced leader to support the administrative priorities of the State Librarian and contribute to the development of libraries statewide as a Senior Librarian. This position plays a key role in advancing the mission of the State Library by promoting statewide library development, fostering library cooperation, and ensuring access to reliable information for our customers and provides strategic direction and decision-making support, including serving as Acting State Librarian when needed.

For more information on this opportunity, please see the job listing on the [State of Wyoming Government Jobs website](#) or contact Lindsey Galindo at (307) 777-6798 or lindsey.galindo@wyo.gov

ALL THE LIBRARY INFORMATION, INSPIRATION, AND FUN AT ARSL 2025



Christi Weinzierl, Wyoming State Library Communications and Grants Specialist, attended 2025 Association for Rural and Small Libraries: Libraries Rise! at the Albuquerque Conference Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She attended conference sessions on data storytelling, social media best practices, and a variety of other topics relevant to libraries, including small and rural libraries. Many sessions were led by library professionals from small and rural libraries throughout the U.S., as well as a few prominent library professionals, including Shamichael Hallman, Rebecca Hass, and Mychal Threats.

“I learned so much from both the speakers and from the other conference attendees,” said Christi. “It was so inspiring to meet other library professional from other parts of the U.S. who all share the same goal of providing the best possible resources and services to their patrons, whether they come from a big city, a small town, or a rural area.” Read the full blog post on the [WSL blog](#).

Around the State

SWEETWATER HOSTS RIBBON-CUTTING CELEBRATING COMPLETION OF NEW MEETING ROOM PROJECT



Surrounded by library staff and board members, Director Lindsey Travis cuts the ribbon to the new meeting room.

On September 11, surrounded by library staff and other members of the community, Lindsey Travis, director of the Sweetwater County

Library System (SCLS), used an oversized pair of scissors to cut a ribbon spanning the stage at the front of the Sweetwater County Library’s new meeting room, marking an important milestone in the library’s system’s greater construction project. [The SCLS received a subgrant through the Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program \(WLMCFP\) in December of 2023 during the first round of awards.](#)

“We are thankful for the grant funding for this project and to the Wyoming State Library for overseeing the grants,” said Lindsey. “The spaces at the Rock Springs Library and White Mountain Library are still under construction, but we anticipate that they will be complete this fall.”

Paige Bredenkamp, WSL School Library and eResources Consultant and a member of the WSL’s WLMCFP team, attended the festive celebration, representing the WSL.

“The Sweetwater County Library’s new meeting room looks great,” said Paige. “The space is welcoming and inviting, and it will be a place people in the community will enjoy being in and using for meetings and other events.”

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.

SUBLETTE COUNTY LIBRARIES CELEBRATE SUMMER READING WITH AMAZING EVENTS



Sublette County teens enjoyed a spooky-themed lock-in.

The Sublette County Libraries in Pinedale and Big Piney were busy places this summer! The two libraries that comprise Sublette County's library system both hosted an extensive lineup of programs and events for their patrons, with a total number of 4,559 youth programming visits across both libraries, according to Kathy Lecheminant, Sublette County Libraries' Children's Programming Specialist.

One such event was a drop-in tie-dye event for kids and teenagers on June 5, during which young people were invited to the Pinedale Library to tie-dye tote bags for their summer reading adventures. More than 200 kids and teens came (even in the rain!) to tie-dye their bags.

They also hosted Mess-tival, a messy art festival for children and teens, on June 12. They ran one session for birth through 5th grade and another for 6th through 12th grade, with a total of 262 patrons attending. With the help of volunteers, the library staff set up stations for sidewalk chalk, Jackson Pollock-style painting, rock painting, spin art in salad spinners, seed bomb making with native wildflower seeds donated by Sublette County Weed and Pest, bubble wands with 14 gallons of bubble solution, sand art bracelets and more. Local artist, Mae Orm, contributed 30 original line drawings that kids painted, which were later displayed in the library's gallery space. More art was created at the Big Piney Library's Giant Painting event during which patrons were invited to come paint on an epic scale at the library. The courtyard was lined with cardboard, staff brought out washable paint, plastic totes were filled with water for rinsing and everyone had a blast making beautiful masterpieces.

"The Sublette County Fair was the perfect opportunity to offer henna tattoos and set up a bracelet making station, as well as host a tea party with finger sandwiches and fancy hats!" said LaTisha Phillips, Sublette County Libraries Youth Services Specialist. Many stopped by to partake of the activities throughout the duration of the fair. Read more about all of the Sublette County Libraries' summer adventures on the [WSL blog](#). Both the Pinedale Library and the Big Piney Library host a variety of engaging and enriching programs and events throughout the year. Check out their [events page](#) for updated information.

Wyoming Library Association

WYOMING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS CELEBRATE LIBRARY JOY AT 2025 WLA CONFERENCE IN CASPER



Mychal Threats, Rebecca Hass, and Shamichael Hallman spoke at the 2025 Conference as special guests and were able to see a bison while they were in Wyoming.

On September 24, 25, and 26, 134 library professionals from across Wyoming gathered in Casper, Wyoming, to learn, network, and celebrate library joy during the 2025 Wyoming Library Association Conference—Libraries: Places of Joy!

Special guest, Shamichael Hallman presented a keynote speech and answered questions about his book, *Meet Me at the Library*, during the preconference on Wednesday. A presentation by the Legislative Committee and a Book Talk and Swap wrapped up the afternoon.

Attendees took part in interest group meetings, breakout sessions on a variety of topics, and connected with vendors throughout the day on Thursday, and had the privilege of hearing a keynote speech from Mychal Threats during lunch. Lindsey Travis, past WLA President also passed the torch to the new WLA President, Cristine Braddy. WLA award winners were honored at the awards reception Thursday evening, followed by a fun and informative trivia night. (Stay tuned for additional blog posts about WLA Awards and Trivia Night coming soon!)

Friday morning, conference participants attended interest group meetings and breakout sessions, and were treated to an author luncheon featuring Rebecca Hass, author of *100 Seeds for Library Joy*.

Breakout Sessions included presentations on timely and relevant topics including law for librarians, library joy and wellness, evaluation techniques, Wyoming Book Awards, instruction design, children's programming, programming for older adults, wealth transfer, library statistics, genealogy, patents, and more. Sessions were presented by library professions and organizations from across the state and beyond.

Conference attendees connected with other library professionals from across Wyoming and gained valuable knowledge they could use to continue spreading and cultivating the joy of libraries back in their own communities. This event was truly a celebration of all the reasons Wyomingites love their libraries!

WLA RECOGNIZES 2025 AWARD WINNERS AT AWARDS BANQUET

Several outstanding Wyoming library professionals were honored for their hard work and dedication to excellence at the Wyoming Library Association's (WLA) Awards Banquet held at the 2025 WLA Conference in September. Read [full blog post](#) on the WSL website.

2025 Outstanding Librarian Award- LaDonna Leibrich, Sheridan High School



For 21 years, LaDonna has fostered creativity and imagination to students at Sheridan High School, tirelessly providing them with the best resources for their learning.

"My joy is connecting young adults with books that will build a passion for reading. I never stop reading or trying to connect students with their next great book," said LaDonna of her work as a librarian.

2025 Lifetime Achievement Award- Anita Marple, Fremont County Library System (FCLS)



Anita began working at the Lander Library in Fremont County in 2011 and became the branch manager in 2017. She has been the library director at the FCLS since 2021.

"From my earliest memories of going to the library with my family to each morning walking into my office at the Lander Library, I have always experienced this sense of possibility that libraries represent," said Anita. "My life continues to be enriched and expanded by reading, researching, and exploring—fueled by the people and resources of the library."

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2025 Outstanding Hero/Heroine Award- Caitlin White, Albany County Public Library (ACPL)



Caitlyn began as a volunteer at the ACPL, and she was hired as the Public Relations Specialist in 2012 and the part-time Foundation Director in 2013. After growing the organization, her role increased full-time in 2016.

"This award represents the steadfast dedication of the Legislative Committee and our coalition of supporters," said Caitlyn. "This year has been busy, with nearly daily advocacy needs arising, so I am lucky to work on these issues alongside a team, who continues to tackle these issues tirelessly, optimistically, and with a bit of humor."

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.

2025 Outstanding Library Award-Goshen County Library (GCL)



GCL Foundation President Cathy Marsh said, "In the last five years, our library has catapulted to a thriving community hub, offering space and programming to serve our county's unique population."

Debbie Iverson MPLA Scholarship-Megan Bratton, Natrona County Library



Megan is the Marketing and Public Relations Manager at Natrona County Library where she also previously worked as a Children's Librarian.

2024-2025 Wyoming Library Association President-Lindsey Travis



Lindsey began at Sweetwater County Library System in 2014 as the Public Relations Specialist and later became the Assistant Director. She has been the Library Director since 2022. She has an MLIS degree from San Jose State University and has served on the WLA Legislative Committee since 2022.

"It was a honor to serve as the president of the WLA," said Lindsey. "While it was a difficult year as we battled harmful legislation, our association is strong and we have great support from our dedicated library patrons. I am thankful for the support and friendship of WLA members. Together we worked hard and accomplished a lot."

Nora Van Burgh Grant-Michelle Ottoes, Laramie County School District #1

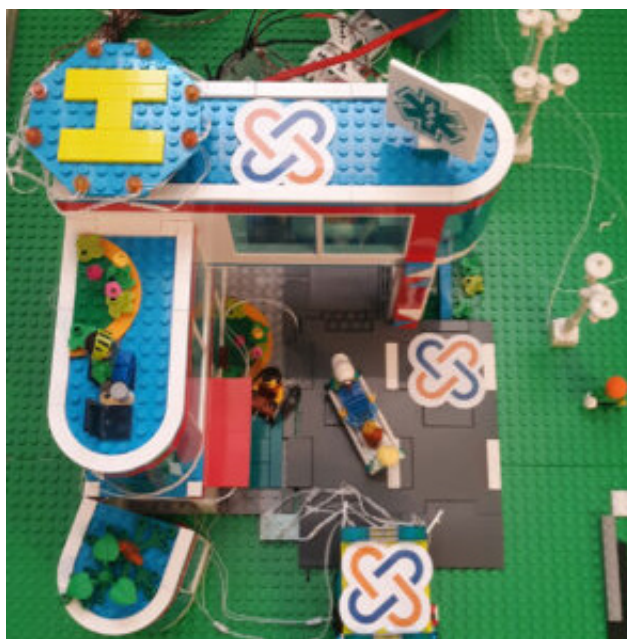


Michelle Ottoes is the elementary library TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) for LCSD #1 in Cheyenne who oversees the collections and 27 library paras that serve 6,595 PreK-6th grade students at 27 elementary library sites throughout the district. Michelle will be pursuing her M.Ed. in Literacy from the University of Wyoming. She recently completed a library curriculum for use by LCSD#1 students up to 2nd grade and is working on one for grades 3-6.

"I am honored to received this award," said Michelle. "I hope my work lives up to the award's goal of lifelong learning and improving the efficacy of time that LCSD #1 elementary students spend in the library."

Youth Services

CYBERWYOMING ALLIANCE OFFERS LEGO CYBERSECURITY MODELS FOR CLASSROOMS



Did you know that CyberWyoming Alliance offers a **LEGO DIY Attack & Defense Package**? These hands-on kits let students explore engineering, circuitry, networking, coding in Python, and cyber attack-and-defense scenarios. Each \$25 kit includes materials list and suggested LEGO sets, step-by-step setup videos, example Python programs, and activity ideas with attack/defense exercises. They are permanent and reusable provide hands-on learning, and give students the creative freedom to customize their own models and scenarios. Learn more on the [CyberWyoming Alliance website](#).

Electronic Resources



Now is the perfect time to check out the Gale in Context resources on GoWYLD—the Wyoming State Library has added Gale in Context Middle School and Gale in Context High School!

Both resources can be found among the other [Gale in Context resources on GoWYLD](#), which include Biographies, U.S. History, World History, Global Issues, and more.

Gale in Context Middle School includes over 300 topical pages that provide content that supports the national and state curriculum standards for grades 6 to 8 in English language arts, social studies, and science while Gale in Context High School provides hundreds of thousands of topic overviews, primary sources, biographies, and critical essays on topics and multimedia resources including images, maps, video and audio clips, and more. All content is aligned to National Standards and Common Core State Standards, and gives students the opportunity to develop important skills such as problem solving and critical thinking.

Tutorials for both of these resources are available from Niche Academy, another valuable resource provided by the WSL, using the following links:

[Gale in Context Middle School tutorial](#)

[Gale in Context High School tutorial](#)

Support your students' learning with the Gale in Context resources on GoWYLD!

Upcoming Training

**JOIN PB & J FOR BRITANNICA SCHOOL:
HIGH ON OCTOBER 30**



On **October 30 at 3:00 p.m.**, join PB & J for a look at Britannica School: High, a resource for high school students! Come learn how Britannica School can spark hands-on STEAM exploration for teens hear about easy ways to pair digital research with creative crafts and library resources and take a sneak peek at a one-day *Teen STEAM Day* program complete with mini-bridges,

constellation lanterns, and slime science. Bonus: You'll get some great tips for showcasing teen creations and boosting community engagement! Sign up using the [registration form](#) on the WSL's webinar page.

With a new topic each month, you can join PB & J as they walk through the database jungle together and bring the learning to YOU—one database at a time! **Paige** brings the eResources expertise. **Joanne** adds a youth services twist. Together, they're your **PB & J Dream Team!**

Today is a good day for PB & J! If you missed any of our previous PB & J episodes on Mometrix, CultureGrams, and ChiltonLibrary, you can view recordings of the entire series on the [Wyoming State Library's webinar page](#).

FREE VIRTUAL MEET-UP

CREATIVE AGING PEER LEARNING GROUP

Upcoming Sessions:
Thursday, Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

Lifetime Arts Wyoming Arts Council Wyoming State Library Wyoming Department of Health

Library Jobs

Senior Librarian

Wyoming State Library

Cheyenne, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 15, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Senior Library Assistant-Adult Services

Teton County Library

Jackson, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 24, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Library Assistant-Circulation

Teton County Library

Jackson, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 24, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Branch Manager-Little Snake River

Branch Library

Carbon County Library System

Baggs, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 24, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Youth-Focused Public Services Librarian

Sweetwater County Library System

Green River, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 24, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Assistant Librarian-Electronic Resources Librarian

University of Wyoming-Resource Discovery and Management

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

Posted August 3, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Assistant Librarian-Academic Success Librarian

University of Wyoming-Research and Outreach Services Department

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

Posted August 1, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Assistant Librarian – Scholarly Communications & Open Publishing Librarian

University of Wyoming-Digital & Distinctive Collections Unit

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

Posted September 18, 2025

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Grant and Award Opportunities

[Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant](#)

Deadline: December 1, 2025

This grant aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy and is designed to recognize a creative, innovative literacy project for and with youth (ages 10-19). Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural.

[Libraries Transforming Communities \(LTC\): Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grants](#)

Deadline: December 11, 2025

More than \$7 million in Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities grants to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. Up to 300 libraries will be selected for the fourth round of grants and receive \$10,000 or \$20,000 to support a community engagement project; virtual training; online resources; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term. Selected libraries will conduct community input-gathering sessions to ensure alignment with local community needs. Libraries will identify the primary audience they hope to reach (e.g., people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities,

older adults with mobility disabilities, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations to guide the improvement of services. Grantees will then use the funds to create services or improve facilities based on the needs identified by their audience. The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories, located in an area with a population of 25,000 or less, and that are at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries. The initiative is offered by the American Library Association in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) and is supported by a private donor.

[Geico Grants](#)

Deadline: December 31, 2025

The GEICO Philanthropic Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide that deliver programs to support and uplift diverse communities. Its funding priorities include expanding access to education, particularly in STEM, early childhood learning, and safety. The Foundation also invests in community engagement efforts that address issues such as financial literacy, food insecurity, environmental conservation, animal welfare, and health and wellness. In addition, it supports organizations advancing equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion to create fairer opportunities for all.

[Penguin Random House and United for Libraries Grants for Rural and Small Libraries](#)

Application Window: December 17, 2025-January 21, 2025

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[Dr. Scholl Foundation](#)

Deadline: January 31st

The Dr. Scholl Foundation was established by William M. Scholl, M.D. in 1947, almost 40 years after he founded the foot care company. The foundation is a private, independent grant-making foundation for charitable purposes, and is committed to improving the world.

[McMurry Library Endowment Grants](#)

Deadline: Rolling

The Carol McMurry Library Endowment was established in 2000 within the [Wyoming Community Foundation](#) to provide support to

Wyoming library staff and volunteers and to publicly accessible Wyoming libraries in three areas: Education and Training (Library and individual), Library Resources, and Library Foundation Development. There are multiple grant cycles per year. Visit the link above for specific application and deadline information.

[The Esther and Harold Mertz Foundation](#) **Deadline: Ongoing**

This grant of \$10,000-\$1,000,000 supports nonprofit and faith-based organizations across the U.S. that serve vulnerable communities through education, recreation, health, and social service programs. Funding may be used to improve curricula, upgrade facilities, offer scholarships, or expand access to medical and community care.

[Daniels Fund Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Daniels Fund provides grants to organizations delivering programs in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah that align with our funding areas, as defined by their founder (Aging, Amateur Sports, Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Early Childhood Education, Homeless & Disadvantaged, K-12 Education Reform, and Youth Development).

[National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program (NLG-L) supports projects that develop, enhance, or disseminate replicable practices, programs, models, or tools to strengthen library and archival services for the American public.

The Courage Project

Deadline: Ongoing

The Courage Project seeks to recognize individuals and organizations that embody the foundational values of our nation through acts of courage that strengthen our communities, our democracy, and our shared future. The Courage Project distributes awards to organizations and honors everyday people for acts of courage and compassion that demonstrate bravery in their communities. For organizational awards, local nonprofit organizations will receive recognition for specific actions, whether that's supporting free speech, championing equality, or building community. For individual recognition, recipients may recommend donations to values-aligned American non-profit organizations, seeding civic engagement in their communities and strengthening our democracy. By allowing recipients to "pay it forward," the project gives Americans the chance to seed lasting change in their own communities. The award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

The Community Heart & Soul Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

Believe in Reading – Grants for Literacy Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are made to organizations with 501(c)(3) status or its equivalent for educational institutions, including public libraries. Believe in Reading will consider funding programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy, English as a second language projects, or Braille projects for the blind or visually impaired. Believe in Reading will supply funds only if they are earmarked for literacy, not just a general campaign. Reading must be the prime activity. Because addressing literacy is not a short-term process, Believe in Reading's grants are renewable for up to a maximum of three years, but a first-year award does not guarantee any subsequent awards. Currently, the maximum grant amount is \$10,000; however, the vast majority of grants are for \$3,000 or less. First-time applicants will not be funded for more than \$3,000.

Rural Technology Education & Assistive Technology (AT) Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are typically \$500 - \$2,500 for staff and student-led projects in public schools and libraries. The projects funded are designed to help spark student interest in technology-based careers like computer science, computer engineering, information technology, programming, cyber security, robotics, or similar areas. In some cases, these project donations may include a few smaller items like a Raspberry Pi microcomputer or a robotics kit or entire

Maker Spaces equipped with things like circuit development kits, 3-D printers, robotics kits, and classroom sets of individual microcomputers to build upon. Other projects include early-stage robotics classes, teams, and clubs interested in project-based learning that culminates in competitive events like FIRST. The focus is on funding libraries and schools in rural or high-poverty areas that are designed to reach multiple students equitably and help establish ongoing student interest groups like maker spaces and coding clubs.

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 because 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 Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in the classroom, including a \$350 honorarium 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. Grants 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 this 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.

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 sponsor 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 limited to Black Hills Energy service areas.

BNSF Railway Foundation Grants

DEADLINE: Ongoing

These grants are given to organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. Generally, requests that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories will be considered for funding: 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.

Upcoming Celebrations



- [International Games Month](#)-November 1-30
- [National Family Literacy Month](#)-November 1-30
- [National Non-Fiction November](#)-November 1-30
- [National Young Readers Week](#)-November 1-14
- [National Authors Day](#)-November 1
- [I Love to Write Day](#)-November 15
- [High-Five a Librarian Day](#)-November 18
- [Thanksgiving](#)-November 27

News in Brief

[Road to Recovery](#)-Preparing for a ransomware attack and building a support network can improve library response. Read how this Michigan Library fought back and recovered.

[Tech Titles-Picture Books](#)-Youth use technology all the time. But library workers can do more than help young patrons navigate new tech. With a professional knowledge of privacy, digital security, media literacy, and digital safety in mind, the tech savvy library workers offer may go beyond basic skills to build meaningful conversation and instruction.

[Library Hacks: 7 Things I Always Keep at My Desk \(and Why\)](#)-Because library life is full of surprises, Jessica Tarnowski has learned to keep a few “lifesavers” close by. These little things on her desk have rescued her more times than she can count—sometimes in big ways, sometimes in small, but always right when she needed them.

[Open a Box: Behind the Scenes with a Prints & Photographs Staff Challenge](#)-The Library of Congress’ Prints & Photographs Division staff each took different approaches to a challenge posed during their bimonthly Learning Hour.

How an Academic Archive Became a Tech Juggernaut

Early donors built JSTOR into a giant with more than \$160 million in net assets. Now comes the AI challenge.

Pop In Play: Building Flexible Fun for Families

Play is at the heart of early learning—and some of the Harrington Library in Plano, Texas', favorite library programs. Their Community Playgroups are among their most popular and well-attended programs. However, because they require advanced registration and a four-week commitment, they exclude some families. What about families who can't attend every week or who miss out on registration? After 18 months of reflection and development, the Harrington Library launched Pop In Play, a meaningful, flexible, and inclusive play-based program for children and their caregivers. Built to meet families where they are, this program directly addresses community needs. Here's a look at how it's going.

A Digital Dark Age? Rescuing Forgotten Knowledge Trapped on Old Floppy Disks

This article discusses how some of the world's most treasured documents can be found deep in the archives of Cambridge University Library and how archivists are working to unearth them.

Beloved Librarian Mychal Threats to Host Reboot of 'Reading Rainbow'

"Reading Rainbow" has a new host—and he's an I Love My Librarian Award winner! Librarian

Mychal Threats is set to take the helm of the beloved children's TV program that promotes childhood reading. The show announced its return with a books-filled, colorful video on [Instagram](#), offering a glimpse into what's to come in the new edition.

Hosting a Successful Large Event

It doesn't matter if your library is large or small, don't be afraid of a large event. Focusing on your outcomes, creating a budget, and clear communication are the keys to success.

How to Start a Pokemon Club at Your Library

Ever wanted to run a Pokémon Club at your library but weren't sure where to start? The Pokémon Club program has you covered!

Creating Calm Spaces-Libraries today are more than just places to borrow books—they're safe, welcoming spaces where families can connect, relax, and feel supported. One simple but meaningful way libraries are making that happen is through calming corners and wellness rooms.

Community Project Ideas for Libraries

This blog describes interactive project suggestions for building community at your library!

The Hunsberger Scary Scale: Help Children Select Just-Right Horror-

The Hunsberger Scary Scale can help library professionals overcome their fear of recommending the wrong horror book to a child.