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Wyoming library budgets shrink

Most Wyoming public libraries will face budget cuts this year, creating challenges to staff who must provide services on fewer dollars.

Cuts in the **Albany County** Library include cuts in operating hours and reduced staff positions, with the circulation unit taking the biggest hit. The library's mill levy, 1.79, decreased slightly from last year, and total mill revenues generated for the library are \$156,232. However, the library is expecting \$243,963 in other income because of an increase in protests and

bankruptcies. The library is also anticipating additional revenue of \$10,200 from the county and \$27,000 from the city.

Sandra Munger, **Big Horn County** library director, said no salaries or employees would be cut at this time. The library will have a 10 to 11 percent cut in its budget, with a mill levy of 1.689 and a final budget of \$247,502. Revenue from fines and lost books, as well as \$4,000 to \$18,000 from motor vehicle fees, are subtracted from actual dollar amounts the library receives from the county.

After two years of frozen salaries, county commissioners have agreed to give **Campbell County** Library a 4 percent raise in base salary for employees and an average 2 percent merit raise for employees during the year. However, insurance costs also rose 10 percent for the employees. The library's 1999-2000 mill levy is 1.065 compared to 0.979 in 1998-99. Dollars generated from the newest mill are \$1,529,214, with additional revenues of \$42,975 coming from library fines, lost cards and AV equipment.

Carbon County Library System will receive a .77 mill levy that will generate \$233,356 for FY2000. This is down from 1999's at .78 that generated \$278,467. The library is considering cutting operating hours, some staff and the materials budget. New planned programs or projects may also face elimination.

Converse County's budget is smaller than last year, but that is due to completion of several building projects. It received 1.104 mills projected to generate \$301,040. There is also a larger than anticipated cash carryover. Additional hours will be added, and budget for audio materials has been doubled to \$9,000 to accommodate demand. Glenrock Branch will get a facelift that includes wiring, painting and re-carpeting.

All library staff in the **Crook County** library system will be given a 2.5 percent pay raise plus an extra two hours of work each week, which for most of the staff is now 37 hours a week. The library also will receive a 2.5 percent increase in the acquisitions budget. Crook County Library System will receive a 2.599 mill levy this year that should generate \$165,843. This compares with last year's mill of 1.834 and \$157,913. Total budget for this year is \$192,125 compared to last year's budget of \$184,005.

Fremont County Library system's 2000-budget report mill levy is 1.800, and dollars from the mill levy are \$501,554. Additional revenue from license fees, interest, fines and copies is \$118,000. Originally, the library requested \$545,547 in tax support. It was first reduced to \$553,547 and then to \$520,000. The library also has a carryover fund of \$26,309.

"Stable" defines **Goshen County** as the mill levy remains at 1.7 for FY1999 and FY2000. In 1999, \$120,346 was generated from the mill and \$123,402 for 2000. Fines collected by the library totaled \$5,675. Seven hours each week were added to the library's hours-open schedule, and four positions were moved to full-time. Salaries were increased \$50 a month for full-time positions, or the hourly-equivalent increase.

Hot Springs County Library took a large reduction this year. The children's librarian had to be cut to part-time, and the library reduced its operating hours by two a day. The library has a budget of \$80,000, with a mill levy of 1.116 that generates \$73,000. In addition, the library will receive \$7,500 from motor vehicle fees.

Operating hours at the **Johnson County** Library will remain the same, and a part-time employee has been moved to full-time. There are also additional plans to change the status of other positions. Although county valuation was down about \$10 million, mills for the library are 2.744, compared to last year's millage of 2.260 that generated more money. The county's tax money portion for FY2000 is \$192,055. The library anticipates about \$14,000 from its annual auction in November.

Laramie County is receiving 2 mills for \$826,316 in addition to 10 percent of the county's share of the 1 percent sales tax money which adds \$330,978. Total budget for FY2000 is \$2,056,887, an 11.88 percent increase more than last year. Part of the increase stems from Laramie County Library Foundation's commitment to raise \$153,759 for Burns Branch Library remodeling. Staffing at Laramie County Library in Cheyenne has increased slightly.

Lincoln County Library System will receive a 1.121 mill levy for FY2000 compared to last year's mill levy of 1.0627. The 2000 levy will generate \$400,075, the same as last year, and the budget is anticipated at \$558,099. Budget for 1999 was \$626,112. The library will receive an additional \$32,000 from the Lincoln County Commissioners who will pay to re-carpet the Cokeville Branch Library. The budget will have no effect on the hours the library is open or on staffing.

As in 1999, **Natrona County** Library's mill levy is 1.25; it will generate \$491,063, \$49,850 less than in FY'99 because of a drop in assessed valuation. Additional revenues include \$120,000 estimated motor vehicle revenue, \$43,370 estimated library-generated revenue, \$7,500 from the City of Mills and \$123,000 in one-cent funds. The library plans to use \$100,000 from the county's share of 1 percent sales tax revenue to add to its collection. Bill Nelson, library director, told county commissioners increased funding will also pay for employee raises.

Niobrara County Library originally was set to take a cut in funding. However, they will receive the same amount as last year, \$47,593 from a 1.7181 mill levy. A few operating hours were cut from library staffing, but the hourly wage increased. About \$300 was cut from the book budget.

Park County Library System mills remained the same as last year at 1.620 with \$410,629 generated. Additional revenue sources total \$277,005 and include delinquent taxes, motor vehicle fees, June taxes and gifts from patrons. Neither staffing nor hours will be cut, but every other area has been trimmed as much as possible. Public support for library funding was positive as petitions were submitted to the county commission.

Platte County received a 2.376 mill levy for \$200,000. Additional income of \$9,400 is estimated from fines. The library's budget is approved except for building maintenance that was transferred to the courthouse maintenance fund. A Wyoming Supreme Court decision says the

county has to reimburse to an escrow account money distributed with permission of a lower court; for the library, that means \$72,000 of its budget.

In 1999, **Sheridan County** Library System had 2.82327 mills that generated \$351,746. For 2000, the mills are 2.88749 and will generate \$385,675. Revenues from motor vehicle fees, optional 1 percent sales tax and other sources add up to \$211,700. The library has a cash reserve of \$40,000. Few changes will be made; the new budget, at \$696,550, is just slightly less than the 1999 budget.

No report is available from **Sublette County** at this time.

For **Sweetwater County** Library System, 2.02 mills have been appropriated for 1999-2000 generating \$2,170,090. Additional revenues ranging from fines, copy/print services, delinquent taxes and other county revenue total \$756,235. The library budgeted for, and received, a substantial increase for health insurance and a small increase to the materials budget.

Teton County Commissioners funded the library's budget request except for \$150. The library received 2.924 mills compared to 2.7 in 1999. The mills are expected to generate \$1,247,751 and the library is expecting another \$165,000 from motor vehicle fees. Approximately \$34,750 should be generated in fines, copy fees and interest. The county is also funding the library's strategic planning project for \$5,000. Last year library hours were increased, and they will remain at the same level.

In the **Uinta County** Library System, the FY2000 budget will be \$544,908, with a 1-mill levy at \$385,000. The library's total operating budget is estimated at \$645,272, and library staff will receive "slight" raises and a health insurance increase.

Washakie County Library System's 2000 budget is the same as last year, \$76,000 from .981 mills. However, the staff received a "stern warning" that they will not receive the same amount next year. The library foundation is working to raise enough money for a \$10,000 endowment fund. They are halfway to their goal and will receive a \$2,500 match if the funds are raised before Jan. 1.

Weston County Library System received more mills for 2000 -- 2.163 -- than they did in 1999, 1.944. However, money received from the mills dropped. This year, the library will receive \$115,146, \$3,735 less than last year. The operating budget for 2000 is projected to be at \$168,397 and a total budget of \$188,397. Including fines, copy machine funds and equipment rental from 1999, the library generates \$6,003.

Libraries will survive and flourish

Where else can you get carefully selected, well organized, open public access to information in both print and electronic forms?

By Keith M. Cottam

Director of Libraries, University of Wyoming, and president of the Wyoming Library Association

Well-meaning forecasters have been telling us since the late-1970s that libraries as we know them are destined to the heap of cultural memory. "Everything will be digitized and electronic in a few years," they've said. "Why put money into library books and magazines," they wonder aloud, "nobody reads them."

More recently they have asked, "Why don't you just send people to the Internet?"

Electronic information and "digital libraries" are certainly evolving, but not as fast as some people predict. And the notion that nobody reads library material is not well informed. Stop by your local public library children's room and watch children and parents engaged in good books. Go to your nearest school or academic library to observe students studying numerous publications. Peek into any library and see your neighbors bent over journals and reference material on topics from anthropology to law, medicine, patents, pathology, self-help and travel. And where would many of us be if we couldn't check out the latest best sellers?

Libraries as we know them continue to thrive and provide thoughtfully selected material for reading enjoyment and practical use. They are well planned and organized. They offer personal help to navigate an increasingly large and complex world of information. They are our most comfortable and inviting community cultural centers open to everyone.

They are places to absorb the world in words and ideas -- and to think and to dream. Reading and thinking is a wonderful activity in a world dominated by sound bites and video images. In the words of my good friend Agnes Milstead, UW Professor Emeritus of Education, our libraries are "everyman's university." And as a little friend in rural Wyoming said to me after a storytime program, "I've never been anyplace except in books at the library."

Wyoming's libraries are the state's repositories for published intellectual resources. They are one of the most valuable long-term investments we can make in our communities. Where else can you get carefully selected, well organized, open public access to information in both print and electronic forms?

While Vice President Al Gore and Gov. Jim Geringer promote the continuing commitment to bring electronic information access and learning to every K-12 classroom in every community, Wyoming's libraries are in the forefront of doing the job for every citizen. Wyoming's libraries, for example, are now interconnected through the WYLD system. The University's CARL system is also available, and most libraries provide public access to the Internet. These important new electronic information systems complement our old friends--books, magazines, audiotapes and videos--that you expect to find there.

Children's reading programs proliferate in our school and public libraries. Reference services, interlibrary loan and document delivery connect people with information wherever it is located. Library resources help meet the recreational, educational and professional needs of anyone who cares enough to walk in and use them. Trained staff are there to help people learn how to find just the right book at the right time, or to navigate the new electronic information systems.

The Internet is a powerful virtual library, but it is not well organized and can be difficult to use and find what you need. It is an increasingly useful tool, but it is not available without a computer connection, and it tends to be a catchall which carries more mind-numbing trash than intellectual treasures.

For most of us, the local library is the best place to go to connect to the world, whether through books or the Internet. So visit your local library for both digital and print information. You will be glad you do.

Personnel-ly speaking

- **Priscilla Golden**, reference librarian, retired at the end of July after more than 15 years of service with the Wyoming State Library (WSL).
- WSL's public programs, publications and marketing office welcomes **Candice VanDyke** to the staff. VanDyke, a contract publications specialist, comes to WSL from WyomingNetwork, a Cheyenne-based Web site. She holds an associate's degree in mass media from Laramie County Community College and has several years experience in print and broadcast media.

Libraries have chance to 'WOW' patrons with hands-on Internet training

"You can't make me. I won't do it. I'll never sign on to the Internet."

Fears concerning the Internet can be replaced thanks to the US WEST WOW Team. WOW vans, with mobile networks and laptops, can accommodate 24 students. To host the classes, all that is need is a phone line, electrical power and a classroom.

Five classes offered through the training include: Introduction to the Internet, for children and adults; Advanced Searching and Web Research Techniques, Web Page Creation and Free E-mail Service, Internet for Educators, Internet for Small Businesses, all for adults.

WOW teams can travel to sites throughout the state. For more information about hosting a WOW session, call Troy Hunsucher at 307/771-6711

Changes made to 1999 Wyoming Libraries Directory

Since publication of the 1999 Wyoming Libraries Directory, the Wyoming State Library (WSL) has received a number of updates and corrections to the document, many of which are listed here.

Those who have gone to WSL's Web site may have noticed the 1998 directory still in place. Work is nearly complete on a database-driven format for the new online directory. In the new version forms will be provided so that libraries can make corrections and updates online and the directory will be entirely searchable.

Please direct comments, corrections and requests for the Wyoming Libraries Directory to Susan Vittitow, publications specialist, Wyoming State Library, 2301 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne WY 82002, 307/777-6338 or 800/264-1281 option 1, choice 6; svitti@state.wy.us.

Page 1 - Wyoming State Library

Under Public Programs, Publications and Marketing replace Lesley Collins with Candice VanDyke, phone number the same. Under Administration/Library Development remove Mary O'Hare. Under Information Technology and WYLD, remove Marilyn Foster.

Page 2 - Wyoming State Library Board

Change Dorothy Baker's phone number to 307/746-9443, change ex officio member name from Art Ellis to Frank Galeotos.

Page 4 - WYLD Network Governing Board.

Add Member-at-Large, Mary Rhoads, mrhoads@will.state.wy.us; Academic Library Representative, Kay Carlson, carlsonk@nwc.cc.wy.us; Larger Public Library Representative, Ada Howard, Smaller Public Library Representative, Sandra Munger; School Library Representative, Stewart Shipman (2001) shipmans@www.weston1.k12.wy.us; Special Library Representative, Nancy Peterson; Recorder (non-voting), Marilyn Heiner, mheiner@will.state.wy.us; and Ex-Officio, Bill Stewart, bstewart@uwoyo.edu.

Page 6 Carbon County Library System

Under "Key Staff," delete Penny Baker.

Page 7 - Carbon County Library System

Under "Key Staff," change Douglas Wolfe's second e-mail address from amross@will.state.wy.us to dwolfe@will.state.wy.us.

Page 8 - Crook County Public Library

Jill Mackey's email is jmackey@will.state.wy.us. The children's librarian is now Debbie Tschetter, and the new technical services librarian is Bonnie Stahla.

Page 9 - Hot Springs County Library

Under "Key Staff," delete Arlene Wells as children's librarian.

Page 9 - Laramie County Library System

Change Web site for Laramie County Library and all its branches to <http://library.cheyenneweb.com>. Under "Key Staff," change Sidney Stanfill's email to sstanfill@larm.lib.wy.us; change Barbara Nussbaum's email to bnussbaum@larm.lib.wy.us and delete her phone number at 307/245-3646

Page 11- Park County Library

Under "Key Staff", replace Colleen Williams with Patty Patterson, ppatterson@will.state.wy.us, as Juvenile Services coordinator.

Page 13 - Sublette County Library

Under the library information, delete the first e-mail address, dplatts@wyld.state.wy.us. Under "Key Staff," change Linda Rawlins e-mail address to lrawlins@will.state.wy.us; sublill@wyld.state.wy.us.

Page 14 - Sweetwater County Library

Under Granger Branch Library, delete Gloria Andrews, branch librarian.

Page 14 - Teton County Library

Change Julie Klomparens e-mail address to jklompar@will.state.wy.us.

Page 15 - Uinta County Library

Replace Frank J. Swan, Director, with Claire Frances, Interim Director.

Page 15 - Weston County Library

Replace Elizabeth Barritt, director, with Carma Shoop.

Page 17 - Central Wyoming College Library

Under "Key Staff," add Elaine Ray as Reference/Interlibrary Loan Library Technician, and change the e-mail for that position to eray@interserve1.cwc.wy.edu.

Page 30 - Converse County School District 1

Under Douglas High School Library Media Center, replace Mary Ann Anthony with Ed Downes, edownes@ccsd1.k12.wy.us, as the main contact. Under Douglas Intermediate School, replace Ed Downes with Melody Kuecks, paraprofessional, as the main contact. Under Douglas Middle School, replace Ed Downes with John Shea, library media specialist, jshea@ccsd1.k12.wy.us.

Page 41 - Natrona County School District 1

Under Natrona County High School, change main phone to 307/233-1603; change fax number to 307/233-1523.

Page 43 - Natrona County School District 1

Delete Willow Creek Elementary School; it is currently closed.

Page 50 - Teton County School District 1

Use P.O. Box 568 for all mailing to Jackson Hole Middle School Ken Thomasma Media Center. Add "Colter Elementary Library" to the Rendezvous Campus entry.

Page 57 - Wyoming Small Business Development Center

Change Region 3 office location to 300 S. Wolcott, No.300, Casper WY 82601-2839.

Page 57 - Wyoming State Archives

Change Supervisor's phone number to 307/777-7034, Change Carl Hallberg's phone number to 307/637-4887.

Page 59 - Iverson Memorial Hospital

Change the main phone extension to 5390.

Page 64 - Fremont County Library Board

Replace Anne Allen and Bruce Hampton with Mike Ockinga, 360 Mt. Arter Loop, Lander, WY 82520, work phone 332-2941, term expires June 30, 2002; and Mary Wendel, 43 Deer Valley Drive, Lander, home phone 332-9624, maryjwendel@hotmail.com, term expires June 30, 2002.

Page 64 - Hot Springs County Library Board

Delete Wally VanAntwerp, add Jenny Heuck and Chuck Powell, both of Thermopolis.

Page 65 - Park County Library Board

Replace George Pilotte with Ann Hinckley.

Page 66 - Sweetwater County Library Board

Replace Mary Lou Unguren and Debbie DeBernardi with James Roger and Rusty Bayles, both of Green River.

County Library Boards

Page 66 - Teton County Library Board

Delete Kim McGregor and Peter Lang; change Bill Resor's office to president and Terri Kirkwood's to vice president; add Barbara Erb and Liza Hoke as members-at-large.

Page 86 - Index

Delete Willow Creek Elementary School.

Wyoming State Library hits the Web for online ordering

For two weeks in September, the Wyoming State Library will sample the latest technology for ordering books as it taps into "The Title Source II" on the Internet.

"Title Source II," a unit of Baker & Taylor Inc. that the library currently uses through a CD-ROM program, is a comprehensive title-information database for ordering books online. Using the web-based database, which contains more than 2.2 million United States future, in-print and out-of-print titles, the library will immediately know if a title is available and how many books are in stock. If the book is not available, the library can go to a different vendor.

The database is updated daily. If the state library purchases "The Title Source II," it's possible for other libraries in the state to attach to the service.

The site contains the most recent bibliographic data on every book and entertainment title, including author, ISBN, price, publisher, 260,000 full-color jacket images, 580,000 annotations and publication date.

It offers an advance search that includes the Library of Congress and Dewey classifications and can search for grade and academic level and price range.

Currently, the state library pays a little less than \$1,000 a year for the CD-ROM service; using the web-based service would cost the library \$1,700 a year.

The state library is also exploring Ingrams' similar database "I-Page" service.

WYLD things

- Working with the WYLD (Wyoming Libraries Database) Online Quality Committee, the WYLD office plans to revise the graphical PAC (public access computer) screens before the new school year starts.

According to Corky Walters, WYLD manager at the Wyoming State Library (WSL), planned changes are intended to enhance ease of use. The main change will be a fuller description of databases licensed for users.

- Libraries now have the green light to migrate to WEB2, the web-based, graphical upgrade to WYLD. Earlier, this year, libraries had been asked to delay implementation of WEB2, because of bottlenecks in the out-of-state Internet access on the state link. Although there is still no definite completion date from US West on a new line meant to alleviate the problem, several factors have led to the new recommendation to migrate to WEB2.

According to a WYLD memo, schools and community colleges will soon be taking a different telecommunications path to out-of-state Internet, improving system performance for state agencies and public libraries which will remain on the state link. In addition, an upgrade to graphical PACs before school sessions begin will better serve WYLD users and library staff, thereby avoiding changes mid-semester.

The WYLD system is currently paying maintenance and in-state telecommunications charges for the use of the graphical PAC, so an immediate migration to WEB2 will allow libraries to use the resources already in place. Also, several of WYLD's new licensed databases are only available through the graphical PACs.

Online instructions for the WEB2 migration are located at <http://will.state.wy.us/wyld/web2/index.html>.

- WYLD's marketing committee is looking at ways to promote the new databases available for users. Plans include a press release slated for September.

Libraries are reminded that they need to issue PINs (personal identification numbers) for their patrons who may want to access the databases from their home Internet connections.

Weston's interim director steps up; Uinta director retires

She may have been known as the "temporary" librarian, but the temporary label is now gone as **Carma Shoop** takes over as director of the Weston County Library.

Before serving as interim director for the library twice and also on the board, she worked her way through school at college libraries. In 1984, she began graduate work in library science at Arizona State University.

In 1985, Shoop served as youth services coordinator at Converse and Weston County Libraries. She has worked as the children's librarian in Park County.

She replaces Liz Barritt, who recently resigned.

In Uinta County, **Frank Swan**, director since 1982, retired in July. He came to Wyoming from Oregon in 1982. Swan has seen the library's collection triple from 25,000 books to 80,000. When Swan began working in Evanston, the library was located in the building that now houses the chamber of commerce.

Claire Francis will serve as acting director for the library.

Teton County recognized for service to youth

Wyoming has a library listed in the third round of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Excellence in Library Service to Young People and will be recognized with a \$200 stipend.

Teton County Library in Jackson, was recognized for its panel discussion of "Community Support for Health Teens" following the Columbine High School shootings. Following the massacre, a bomb scare took place in Jackson.

Around the state

- **Frances Clymer** of the **Buffalo Bill Historical Center, McCracken Research Library** in Cody, has been elected to the Bibliographical Center for Research Board of Trustees (BCR). Clymer, a special libraries trustee, said her eclectic library, collections background and recent completion of a master's degree have given her the opportunity to examine issue confronting libraries. She said she understands difficulties confronting small and mid-sized libraries attempting to become part of the World Wide Web.
- **Teton County Library** employed an unusual group of landscaping experts - a herd of weed-eating cashmere goats. The animals were on contract from the Ewe4ic company in July to nibble away less desirable vegetation and make more room for existing wildflower seedlings. Two new trustees have joined the Teton County Library Board. **Barbara Erb** and **Liza Hoke** were appointed July 1, replacing outgoing trustees **Kim McGregor** and **Peter Lang**.
- The Sue Jorgenson Foundation provided books to all 840 first-grade students and their teachers in the **Natrona County School District** in June. Each student could choose one book from six available titles. The foundation's group, called Casper Reads, Casper Cares, raised money through private donations and grants from the school district and Rotary of Casper.
- **Carbon County Library** in Rawlins has a new young adult section for students from sixth grade up, thanks to a \$10,305 grant from the Carbon County District 1 Recreation Board. Funds went to purchase new tables, chairs, bookcases, display cases and materials. The Sinclair and Baggs branches also received new books and magazines for young adults.

Penny Baker, administrative assistant for the Carbon County Library System, retired June 30 after 18 years of service.

- Children got a taste of reading and a full lunch at **Campbell County** Public Library at the "library lunching" program this summer. The People Project provided sack lunches for local children to enjoy while librarians read stories in an effort to promote library use. Campbell County also hosted the official Wyoming State Monopoly game tournament. The winner took an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas to compete at the national level.
- **Fremont County** Library received an unexpected \$1,100 for new books. A former county employee sent a check for \$2,100 to the commissioners to cover hours for which he had been paid but had not worked, according to a letter received from the man, now living in Arizona. The commission split the money between the library and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. **Fremont County** Library also raised more than \$2,000 through the sale of its old card catalogs at a silent auction in May.
- **Laramie County's** Central Library was nearly overwhelmed this summer by the number of children participating in reading programs. Within the first three weeks, the library had more children involved than they had all of last year, and they had to find ways to accommodate the crush. In a newspaper interview, **Amy Shelley**, children's and young adults services manager, said the library was "thrilled, but it's a little painful to be this successful."
- The **Natrona County** Library is sticking with its policy on not restricting youth under the age of 17 from checking out R-rated movies. The library maintains it's the parents' responsibility to determine what their children view. All this comes in the wake of the National Association of Theater Owners' pledging to require a photo ID from youth wanting to purchase tickets for R-rated movies.
- **Sheridan County** Fulmer Public Library honored **Helen Graham** on July 28 for 30 years of service. As director of the Wyoming Room, Graham has helped develop the library's excellent regional history and genealogical collections.
- **Park County** commissioners reappointed incumbent **Alta Mae Markham** of Cody and appointed newcomer **Ann Hinckley** of Powell to the library board, replacing **George Pilotte**.
- **Crook County** Library has added **Bonnie Stahla** to its staff as head of technical services. **Debbie Tschetter** was named children's librarian.
- Weather in Wyoming can turn vicious in a hurry. **Sweetwater County** Library hosted two presentations by **Don Noll**, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Riverton on "How Bad Is It? Severe Weather: What It Is and How to Spot It!" in July. **James Roger** and **Rusty Bayles**, both of Green River, are new faces on the Sweetwater County Library Board. They replace outgoing trustees **Mary Lou Unguren** and **Debbie DeBernardi**. **Gloria Andrews** resigned her position as Granger Branch librarian.
- The **Hot Springs** County Library Board welcomes **Jenny Heuck** and **Chuck Powell**, both of Thermopolis. **Wally Van Antwerp** ended his term.
- The **Wyoming Council for the Humanities** recently elected officers for 1999. New officers are **Barbara Allen Bogart**, Evanston, president-elect; **Audrey Shalinsky**, Laramie, treasurer; and Secretary **Mary K. Wells**, Gillette, secretary. At-large members of the executive committee are **David Romtvedt**, Buffalo, and **Connie Brown**, Lusk.

Adults, teen-agers and educators were asked to produce a list of actions to take if a bomb scare or violence breaks out in school.

Boys' State delegates visit WSL

The Wyoming State Library (WSL) received a visit from seven American Legion Wyoming Boys State delegates on June 10.

Visitors to WSL were Thomas Mayfield of Evanston, Matthew Childers and Grady Arnold of Cheyenne, Nathan Galloway and Klint Finley of Sheridan, Carlson Quick of Cody and Tanner Hart of Clearmont, who had been selected as state librarian.

All will enter their senior year of high school this fall.

Lesley Boughton, Wyoming State Librarian, shared information about her role representing Wyoming libraries and about WSL.

Hart said he sought the state librarian position since he was curious about how the library is run. He uses the Clearmont Branch Library, and often accesses the Internet for information not available locally.

Hart enjoys reading, particularly autobiographies. He has an interest in African-American studies and the history of the 1960s, particularly the civil rights movement. His tentative career plans lean towards entertainment or journalism in the field of radio and television broadcasting.

Each year, Boys State delegates participate in a simulation of state government. The students run for offices and learn more about their real counterparts in elected and appointed positions.

Outstanding libraries sought for service award

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is seeking nominations for the National Award for Library Service that will celebrate outstanding American libraries. Nominations are due Nov. 20, and an employee or any member of the community may nominate the library.

Libraries eligible for the award are; public, school, academic, special, research, private (not-for-profit), archives, library agencies and library consortia.

Guidelines can be obtained online at the IMLS Web site at <http://www.imls.gov/>.

For more information, contact Institute of Museum and Library Services, The Office of Library Services, Trish Skaptason, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, (202) 606-5227, tskaptason@imis.gov.

Libraries receive funding for book discussion program

Thirty-four Wyoming communities have recently received funding for book discussion series as part of the 1999 Wyoming Council for the Humanities Book Discussion Program. Participants can read and discuss six thematically related books at participating libraries.

Programs are, "Classic Views of American Life: Pulitzer-Prize Winning Fiction," "Community and the Western Landscape," "Crime and the Cultural Landscape," "Family Photographs: Relationships Among the Generations" and "Ordinary Lives: Memoirs of American Women."

For more information, call 307/766-6496.

Job Opportunities

Science Reference/Collection Development Librarian: University of Wyoming, Laramie

The University of Wyoming is seeking applicants for two science reference librarian positions. Candidates should hold a Master's in Library Science (MLS) from an ALA accredited program or an accepted equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of traditional and electronic reference sources; strong instructional technology skills; and excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills required.

Hiring range is \$29,000 to \$32,000 dependent on qualifications and experience. Applications must be postmarked by Sept. 10. Additional information may be found online at <http://www.uwyo.edu>.

Send cover letter, resume and names of three professional references to Scott Royce, assistant director of Administrative Services, University of Wyoming Libraries, P.O. Box 3334, Laramie WY 82071; FAX 307/766-2510; or email at royce@uwyo.edu. Follow faxed or emailed applications with copy by mail.

Adult Services Librarian: Albany County Library, Laramie

ALA-accredited Master's of Library Science required, with an emphasis in reference services and two years experience in library work, or equivalent. Must have good communication skills and be able to relate to people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, as well as a knowledge of the community.

Must have experience using Netscape and online databases. Some light lifting (up to 25 pounds) may be required.

The job is probationary for six months. Pay range is \$24,300-\$27,000, plus benefits. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts and names of 3 references to: Search, Albany County Public Library, 310 S. 8th St., Laramie WY 82070.

Position open until filled.

News briefs

- The **Wyoming Children's Access Network** has developed an extensive library covering divorce, custody and visitation issues, and materials may be checked out by anyone. The network offers many books designed especially for children, and more than 100 books are included in the program. For more information, call 307/674-5595. The program is federally funded.
- "Where the Pavement Ends..." is the theme of the 1999 **Midcontinental Chapter Medical Library Association** meeting to be held Oct. 6 to 9 in Jackson Hole.

For more information, call the Snow King Resort Reservations' desk, 800/522-5464; Fax, 307/734-309.

- **Nancy Kranich**, associate dean at New York University's Bobst Library has been elected president of the American Library Association (ALA) for the 2000-01 term.
- **Laubach Literacy** is seeking grant applications for its 1999 **National Book Scholarship Fund** that distributes books and educational material to adult literacy and education programs nationwide.

For more information, contact Mara Roberts, project administrator, The National Book Scholarship Fund, Laubach Literacy, P.O. Box 131, 1320 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210; 315-422-9121, mroberts@laubach.org. or visit the web site at <http://www.laubach.org/NBSF/indexnbs.htm>.

- **The Montana State Library** has been admitted to the **Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR)**, a multi-state, nonprofit library network.

The library's membership extends BCR membership to every library in Montana and gives access to all BCR services. State libraries in Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nevada and Utah also have BCR state memberships.

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