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Wyoming State Librarian Moving on to UW

After 18 years of service to the Wyoming State Library, the last seven as State Librarian, Jamie Markus is departing this month. He will join the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Assistant Dean for Resource Discovery & Management, filling the position at UW left vacant by Deborah McCarthy's retirement. He has been serving UW Libraries as an adjunct faculty member since late in 2022.



Jamie Markus

“I’ve loved my time working for the Wyoming State Library and enjoyed the opportunity to be part of so many amazing projects,” Jamie said, “but what I’ll miss most is the people, the truly dedicated team that works here at the WSL.”

Jamie joined the Library Development Office in May of 2005, shortly after graduating with his MLS from Indiana University. He moved up to Library Development Manager in 2009. In June of 2015 he was named Interim State Librarian, a position he served in for a year before becoming Wyoming State Librarian in 2016.

He is a past president of the Wyoming Library Association (WLA), was the 2011 WLA Librarian of the Year and was named a 2009 Library Journal Mover & Shaker. In 2014, he was honored as a White House “Champion of Change” for promoting libraries as essential partners in community outreach efforts.

In 2022, he took office as President of the Western Council of State Libraries, made up of 22 state library agencies west of the Mississippi River. He is currently a member of the Leadership Wyoming Class of 2024.

WSL News

REFLECTING ON THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AT THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

Under the leadership of outgoing Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus, the WSL has had many accomplishments, not the least of which was navigating through the challenges and opportunities created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Library's responsiveness and guidance during that difficult time earned it recognition as the Wyoming Library Association's Outstanding Library of 2021. Federal funding in response to the crisis through ARPA and CARES benefited the state's libraries and were expended with input from the Wyoming library community. An additional \$13.2 million in pandemic funding through the U.S. Treasury's Capital Projects Fund will support library construction through a competitive subgrant program.

During that time, five of the six resources in the Digital Collection Suite — Wyoming Places, Publications, Legislation, Inventors, and Trademarks — were moved to the cloud. The WSL collaborated with the University of Wyoming to combine their online newspaper collections in the Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection. The State Library partnered with UW and the Colorado State Library to form the Plains to Peaks Collective, a service hub of the



Jamie Markus at the 2022 WSL staff holiday party.

Digital Public Library of America. This enabled not just the WSL, but also libraries and cultural institutions across the state, to add hundreds of thousands of digitized resources to the DPLA and make those items available through the nationwide portal. The search interface for the statewide library catalog, WYLDCA, was updated to Aspen Discovery, enriching the patron experience.

Jamie oversaw the consolidation of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines into one digital platform, OverDrive, and expanded access to those materials. The Wyoming Virtual Library

is the only statewide OverDrive Consortium that counts all public and academic libraries as active members. Also during his tenure, Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden visited with library directors at the annual Directors Retreat as part of her first visit to Wyoming, and the State Library celebrated the 150th anniversary of its creation in 1871.

“It’s been a privilege to lead this organization”, Jamie said. “The State Library team knows how to accomplish amazing things. I look forward to seeing where they go next.”

WSL WELCOMES NEW FEDERAL DOCUMENTS LIBRARIAN, MARCIE BLAYLOCK

The Wyoming State Library welcomes Marcie Blaylock as the new Federal Documents Librarian. Marcie began the position on October 9.

Marcie attended Spokane Community College and the University of Wyoming, earning a bachelor’s in history with a minor in museum and international studies. She attended graduate school at the University of Oklahoma where she earned two master’s degrees, one in library and information sciences, with a focus on archives, and the second in art history, with a focus on



Marcie Blaylock

Japanese contemporary art. Additionally, she has five years of federal experience from working in the National Park Service.

“The position excites me because it blends two familiar jobs into one,” Marcie said. She hopes to make federal documents accessible and to grow her personal library skills in the process.

“Marcie brings great archival and digital librarianship experience to the State Library,” said Abby Beaver, Information Services Manager. “I look forward to seeing how her interest in Wyoming history instills new opportunities in this position. We’re thrilled to have Marcie join our team.”

JOB OPENING AT THE WSL

Communications & Grants Specialist

Do you enjoy researching, developing and disseminating newsworthy content that can be communicated with a variety of audiences through multiple channels? Do you enjoy sharing opportunities that can help improve the professional capacity of librarians and library workers in the field? Do you want to delve into the world of grants that benefit libraries? Do you seek a fun and collaborative working environment with amazing benefits?

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Training session at the Greybull Branch Library

SUMMER SITE VISITS TAKE WYLD TRAINING TO LIBRARIES ACROSS WYOMING

During the summer months of July through September, two members of the WYLD Support Team, Systems Librarian Cori Hundley and Bibliographic Services Librarian Shantry Miller, took to the road again to continue training library workers and answering questions. From July through September, they [visited 10 different libraries](#) scattered throughout the state, covering topics such as bibliographic records, call numbers and items, SmartPort, serial control records, MARC holdings records, WYLDcat (Aspen), and recirculating cards.

If you have questions on topics concerning your Wyoming library, WSL staff are always ready to assist. Visit our [staff page](#) or contact our service desk at statelibrary@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6333 to be directed to the appropriate person. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we may help!

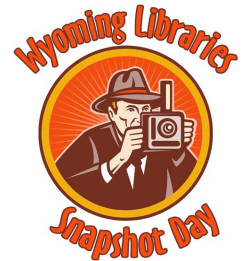
THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR WYOMING SNAPSHOT DAY!

October 24, 2023 is

[Wyoming Snapshot Day!](#)

If your library isn't already signed up, there's still time to join us. On Snapshot Day, we ask you to collect photos and/or comments

that tell the story of your library's value each and every day of the year. There's no deadline to sign up until the day is over. Contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915 to add your name to the list.



Around the State

GRANT SUPPORTS YOUNG WRITERS AT ALBANY COUNTY LIBRARY

Wyoming Humanities recently awarded a \$2,000 Spark Grant to the Albany County Public Library Foundation to support the library's Young Writers Program.

The five-week series focuses on National Novel Writing Month and its connection to humanities through literature and storytelling, using hand-on activities and writing time. Spark Grants are awarded based on communities' needs and programs designed to spark new insights and perspectives. [Learn more and apply today!](#)



2024 WYOMING READS BOOKS SELECTED

The ten books for [Wyoming Reads 2024](#) have been selected. Every Wyoming first-grade student will have the chance to choose one of these wonderful titles to keep:

- “A is for Axolotl” by Catherine Macorol
- “Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme” by Avery Monsen
- “Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion” by Stephen W Martin
- “Love Rules: A Family’s True Story of Adoption & Unconditional Love” by Andrea Melvin, Dave Eaton, & Michael Clark, Jr
- “Pizza: A Slice of History” by Greg Pizzoli
- “Rick the Rock of Room 214” by Julie Falatko
- “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” by Mac Barnett
- “Viking Strong” by Doug Cenko
- “We Are Going to Be Pals!” by Mark Teague
- “We Don’t Lose Our Class Goldfish” by Ryan T Higgins

Every year through Wyoming Reads, the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation gives thousands of first-graders a book to keep and cherish. The

Wyoming State Library’s Central Acquisitions Program acquires these books at discounts up to 40 percent, stretching precious dollars so more books can be delivered to grateful young readers.

Academic Libraries

UW RECEIVES THIRD NEH GRANT FOR DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS

University of Wyoming Libraries has received a [third round of funding](#) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support ongoing newspaper digitization work. The two-year, \$263,100 grant will support the ongoing Wyoming Digital Newspaper Project, which began in August 2019 after the first NEH grant was awarded.



The project’s current phase involves UW Libraries employees digitizing 100,000 pages of select Wyoming newspapers — dating from 1867-1963 — as part of the state’s participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). After employees digitize the pages, they upload them to [Chronicling America](#), a free, searchable database of historic American newspapers. The UW Libraries team has digitized and uploaded more than 200,000 pages to the website since the start of the project.

School Libraries



WYOMING LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE CONTEST OPENS NOVEMBER 13

Tell the teens and tweens you know to get their pens ready! The Wyoming Center for the Book at Wyoming Humanities invites students in grades 4-12 to enter Letters About Literature, a statewide writing competition. More information, including guidelines, entry forms, and a teaching guide can be found at thinkwy.org/letters-about-literature. Entries will be accepted beginning November 13, 2023. Postmark deadline is March 1, 2024. Early or late entries will not be accepted. Questions may be directed to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org or (307) 660-0729.

Want More News?

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Youth Services

FREE CARD GAMES FOR CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October is [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#). Libraries are invited to order the [free educator box](#) of Cyber Threat Defender cards and have a game night at the library. Cyber Threat Defender is perfect for players in middle and high school to learn the essentials of cybersecurity. [Watch video](#) for instructions.

In other cybersecurity news, WyoCAN took a recent cyber-in-a-box challenge video from Laramie High school and created a powerful public service announcement. [Watch the video](#) to spark online privacy talks with young patrons.

Calendar



- Oct 23-27 [U.S. Media Literacy Week](#)
- Oct 24 [Wyoming Snapshot Day](#)
- Nov 1-30 [Picture Book Month](#)
- Nov 1-30 [International Games Month](#)
- Nov 6-12 [Children’s Book Week](#)
- Nov 13 [Wyoming Letters About Literature Contest Opens](#)
- Dec 4-10 [Computer Science Education Week](#)

Databases & Electronic Resources

HALLOWEENS PAST IN ONLINE WYOMING DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

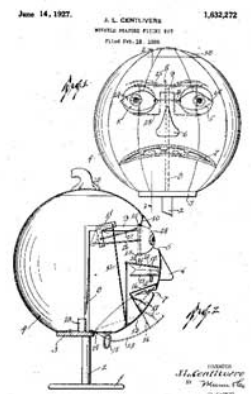
Happy Halloween! Today we see costumed children going door-to-door; but, historically Halloween was very different. From the late 1800s to 1920s, parties decorated in a harvest or a spooky theme were common. Pumpkins, fruit, nuts, fudge, and pie graced the table alongside seasonal ice cream. While some parties included costumes, more often they focused on dancing or games. The modern concept of trick-or-treating was not included in any celebrations. Instead, roving bands of older children would ravage neighborhoods, leaving destruction in their path. You can see from the [November 1, 1906 Wyoming Tribune](#) how children (probably teens) got into trouble. This happened often enough that many cities commissioned special police for the season.

It was not until the 1930s that many communities started putting on large scale celebrations to keep kids occupied. For instance, in [November 2, 1939 Douglas Budget](#) reports on a local Halloween party: “Douglas kids had more fun than kids elsewhere in the state and did it with practically no damage of property.”

In celebration of holidays past, let’s look at two patents that may have helped aid or abet Halloween mischief. One common Halloween prank was the relocation of anything not nailed down. The [October 30, 1909 Wyoming Tribune](#) states that vehicles “may mysteriously develop power and start off on a long journey.” In 1920, E. Cooper invented something to prevent such hijinks. The [Cheyenne](#)

[patent](#) is for locking the electric switches on automobiles. This next patent combines the traditional Jack-O-Lantern with a spooky addition. The 1927 patent for a “[movable feature figure toy](#)” aims to create a handheld pumpkin face.

Invented by John L. Centlivere of Laramie, the aim of the invention is to have a moving face on a lit Jack-O-Lantern. Using a single hand, this invention can move its eyes and mouth, spooking any passerby. This invention also had a steady base to allow for table decoration.



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Learn more about the history of the holiday in Britannica's [Halloween](#) entry, available through [GoWYLD.net](#) with a local Wyoming library card. To read more about historic celebrations go to the [Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection](#). Searching Halloween brings up reports of parties and of communities decrying youthful damages. For more patents, Halloween related and otherwise, go to [Wyoming Inventors](#). The collection contains full PDFs of every patent granted to a Wyomingite.

Wyoming Library Association



WLA ANNOUNCES 2023 AWARD WINNERS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Wyoming Library Association Awards/ Grants Committee announced this year's recipients at a reception during the organization's recent "Bound Together" 2024 conference, held in Casper from October 4-6.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Terri Lesley (Campbell County Library)

This award recognizes the achievements and accomplishments of a library employee throughout their library career, including service to the public and/or library community. It is also meant to reflect the goals of the Wyoming Library Association and the library profession as a whole.

Outstanding Hero/Heroine Award: Conrado Saldivar (Natrona County Library) and Caitlin White (Albany County Public Library)

This award provides an opportunity for WLA to recognize an outstanding person or group whose hard work has made a difference to a Wyoming library within the last two years.

Outstanding Librarian Award: Shelley Hunsaker (Lincoln County School District #2)

This award recognizes the significant and outstanding accomplishments of a library employee in the past year, including service to the public and/or library community. It is also meant to reflect the goals of WLA and the library profession as a whole.

Outstanding Library Award: Big Piney Branch Library

This award recognizes a significant special project completed within the last two years. The staff, library board, community, or people served

must all have been involved in the work for which recognition is sought.

Nora Van Burgh Grant: Paula Kelting (Campbell County Library) and Elizabeth Palmer (Albany County Public Library)

This grant provides funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience.

Debbie Iverson MPLA Scholarship Grant: Betsy O’Neil (Natrona County Library) and Angela Jordan (Teton County Library)

This grant provides funding for library staff throughout the state to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute.

People News

GAONA NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Antonia Gaona has been named Executive Director (County Librarian) of the Laramie County Library System. Antonia attended college at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she majored in political science and economics. She paid her



Antonia Gaona

JOB OPENING AT THE WSL

Youth Services & eResources Librarian

This position will lead statewide youth services and co-coordinate the eResources available through the GoWYLD portal.

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way through college by working at the library. On the precipice of attending law school after graduation, she realized her true calling was library work. She changed course and attended graduate school at the University of Denver, where she graduated with honors with a Master of Library and Information Science.

With over 20 years of library experience and over 15 years in management and leadership roles, Antonia is a passionate librarian with a focus on providing an excellent user experience, maintaining responsive and dynamic facilities and staff, and forging unique partnerships to expand opportunities for all patrons.

Most recently, she served as Deputy Director of the Boulder Public Library, overseeing a department of 80 employees and a budget of nearly \$7 million. She was the lead project manager for capital improvement projects including a multiyear, \$16 million project building a new library in north Boulder slated to open in 2024.

Training

ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our [training calendar](#), each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch “At Your Leisure.”

- [Dementia 101 for Public Library Staff](#) (Colorado State Library)
- [Info2Go! How Libraries Can Better Support Homeschooling Families](#) (Idaho Commission for Libraries)
- [Telehealth in Libraries: The Future of Healthcare](#) (Infopeople)

Library Jobs

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

Circulation Librarian

Johnson County Library
Buffalo, WY
Open until filled

Senior Library Assistant Adult Services

Teton County Library
Jackson, WY
Open until filled

Assistant/Associate Librarian – Special Collections Librarian

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled

Research Librarian

Yellowstone National Park
Gardiner, MT
Open until filled

Office Assistant, Senior – Research & Instruction, University Libraries

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled

Grants & Awards

Jumpstart

Fundraising capacity building by Network  for Good.

WYCF LAUNCHING JUMPSTART PROGRAM TO BUILD FUNDRAISING CAPACITY

The [Wyoming Community Foundation \(WYCF\)](#), in partnership with Network for Good, is launching the successful Jumpstart Program that could help your library build its fundraising capacity. This free opportunity is an immersive, yearlong program that would pair your library

with a personal fundraising coach, who meets with your library (virtually) twice per month to help in acquiring, retaining, and upgrading individual donors. WYCF grant funds will support a cohort of nonprofits to participate. To be considered for this opportunity, fill out this brief, 10-15 minute [needs assessment](#). For more information, [download the flyer](#) or contact Allison Renton at allison@wycf.org or (307) 721-8300.

GRANTS IN BRIEF

[Carnegie-Whitney Grant](#)

DEADLINE: November 3, 2023

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

[Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\), Region 4 Funding Opportunities](#)

DEADLINE: November 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. MST

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), Region 4 invites applications for health information outreach and programming projects. Past funding awards have helped libraries develop and implement health information related outreach and programming, and acquire technology that can help patrons gain access to health information.

[Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation](#)

DEADLINE: November 10, 2023

The Foundation aims to support organizations and programs for which a relatively small amount of funding might make a large difference. The Foundation will consider requests to support museums, cultural and performing arts programs; schools and hospitals; educational, skills-training, and other programs for youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities; environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and programs. Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

[National Friends of Libraries Week Awards](#)

DEADLINE: December 4, 2023

The National Friends of Libraries Week Awards encourage Friends of Libraries to celebrate and promote their groups within the community. Each year, two Friends groups are awarded \$250 each in honor of their celebrations during the week.

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

DEADLINE: December 11, 2023, by 10:59 pm (MST)

Grants will be available to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. Selected libraries will receive \$10,000 or \$20,000 to support costs related to

their community engagement project; virtual training to assist project directors in developing their community engagement, facilitation, and disability service skills; a suite of online resources developed to support local programs; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term.

[NEH Digital Humanities Advancement Grants](#)

DEADLINE: January 11, 2024

Optional draft due: November 13, 2023

The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants program (DHAG) supports innovative, experimental, and/or computationally challenging digital projects, leading to work that can scale to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities.

[Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\), Region 4 Professional Development Award](#)

DEADLINE: Applications accepted and awarded on a rolling basis until February 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm MST or when the funds are depleted.

The purpose of the Professional Development Award is to 1) strengthen the professional knowledge and experience of individual network members in health data or health information access related services, 2) empower libraries and other organizations to train staff in skills needed to deliver reliable health information, and 3) build professional capacity in support of specific

Region 4 Core Aims, the NNLM mission, and the NLM 2017-2027 Strategic Plan.

[American Library Association Scholarships](#)

DEADLINE: March 1, 2024

The American Library Association (ALA) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. Scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$8,000 per student per year. They include scholarships for students who are interested in children's librarianship, public librarianship, youth librarianship, federal librarianship, new media, and library automation. In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

News in Brief

[Big Talk From Small Libraries 2024 Call for Speakers Now Open](#)

Workers at small libraries of all types are encouraged to [submit a proposal](#) to be a speaker at Big Talk From Small Libraries 2024, which will be held on February 23. They're looking for seven 50-minute presentations and four 10-minute "lightning round" presentations. This annual, free one-day online conference is tailored for staff from small libraries — the smaller the better! Proposals are due by December 15, 2023.

[MPLA/ULA Joint Conference Puts Out Call for Proposals](#)

The joint Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association Conference will be held in person at the Salt Palace Convention Center from May 8-10, 2024. This year's theme is "Just Winging It". The conference will feature presentations and poster sessions, providing an excellent opportunity for presenters to share information on project activities, practical problem-solving ideas, and innovative programs. Share your poster, workshop, or program session idea by [submitting a proposal](#); deadline to submit is November 4, 2023.

[New LibGuide on Programming with Library of Congress Digital Collections](#)

The American Library Association (ALA) has released a new LibGuide designed to help library workers use Library of Congress (LOC) Digital Collections in programming and educational opportunities. Available now on the [ALA Library's LibGuide resource page](#), "Programming with Library of Congress Digital Collections," is designed to help all types of libraries explore primary sources available from the Library of Congress online collection, and to connect with their communities through programming and educational opportunities. The guide focuses on eight LOC collections (Arts, Civics, Folklife, History, Literature, Maps, Military Experience and STEM) with collection highlights and suggested program ideas that are accessible and adaptable for various library types and audiences.

[ALA Committee on Library Advocacy Releases Advocacy Action Plan Workbook](#)

The ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office (PPA) has announced the release of the [updated ALA Advocacy Action Plan Workbook](#), available online. This free guide is a project of the Committee on Library Advocacy (COLA) and updates the 2009 workbook developed by the American Library Association (ALA) and United for Libraries (UFL). The downloadable workbook is an adaptable guide engaging individuals and groups in library advocacy on any issue. Users will take actionable steps in creating an advocacy plan through areas such as community analysis, building a library ecosystem, goal setting and message development and delivery.

[PLA Seeks Responses to 2023 Public Library Technology Survey](#)

The Public Library Association (PLA) has opened its annual survey and seeks responses to the [2023 Public Library Technology Survey](#). This unique national survey focuses on resources, infrastructure, training, staff, and funding related to technology. This data is vital to understand how libraries serve as hubs of knowledge and innovation in our communities and continue to evolve to meet patron needs. PLA invites all public libraries to participate in this survey, which is open through December 16, 2023. The Public Library Technology Survey was first administered in 2020 and provides an essential snapshot of public library technology services and capacity.

Redefining the Library Experience: Global Insights for Future Planning

The “Redefining the library experience” global survey collected feedback from more than 1,600 respondents from 77 countries and territories. And while it garnered data across a wide variety of questions, a handful of findings stand out regarding changing library experiences: libraries will increasingly play the role of “space providers”; demand for open access in academic libraries will intensify; resource sharing through consortia will increase; partnerships with nonprofit and government agencies will increase for public libraries; academic librarians expect increased partnerships with consortia and other libraries; library workers may see more flexible working options and access to mental health care; and additional need for

data analytics is expected. The [resulting report](#) provides an overview of how these findings relate to what resources and services libraries offer, how libraries engage with their communities and partners, and the evolving needs of library workers.

OCLC Offers Four New On-Demand Courses for Libraries, Archives, and Museums

OCLC has published four new on-demand courses to empower library, archive, and museum staff and leaders with essential knowledge and strategies. These free, on-demand courses respond to training needs identified by the field to help navigate crises effectively, find work-life balance, and de-escalate difficult situations.

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Browse, borrow, read, and stream!

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.