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Join Chris Van Burgh to learn how your computer can help you get healthy in the new year. Check out this month's Library Database of the Month: **GoWyld and your New Year's Resolution** on **Jan. 15 at 11-11:45 a.m. or 3:30-4:15 p.m.**

Reminders

All submissions to the *Outrider* are due the last day of the preceding month for each issue. The **Outrider deadline** for the February issue is **5 p.m. Jan. 30**. Send all submissions to llipsk@state.wy.us.

The Library and the Legislature



Chris Van Burgh was on hand in December to help train new legislators on the resources available through Wyoming Libraries. Photo courtesy of the Legislative Services Office.

To inform new legislative members of the information available through Wyoming libraries, Wyoming State Library Outreach Librarian Chris Van Burgh presented a workshop during the new legislators

training in December.

Van Burgh showed a variety of databases and online resources available. The highlight was the presentation on Bookflix, which is primarily for young readers. To make this portion of their day a bit more fun

and memorable, the legislators enjoyed a refreshment of milk and graham crackers while watching "Click, Clack, Moo" on the large screen in the House chambers.

General session for the Wyoming Legislature convenes Jan. 13. A live

feed of the session is available online at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/>.

As part of the legislative session, the Wyoming Library Association will host its annual Legislative Reception at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 5 at the Plains Hotel.

❖ Library briefs

2006 national public library statistics released

In 2006, there were 1.4 billion visits and 2.1 billion items circulated at the nation's 9,208 public libraries, according to the Institute of Museum and Library Service's (IMLS) recently published report, "Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2006." Out of the 50 states plus D.C., Wyoming ranked 7th in library visits per capita (3.2 million), 8th in print materials per capita, 2nd in audio materials per 1,000 population, and 9th in operating expenditures per capita. Read the entire report at <http://harvester.census.gov/ims/pls/pubs/pls/index.asp>.

State releases 2008 Equality State Almanac

The State of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division recently released the 2008 *Equality State Almanac*. The *Almanac* has state statistics on demographics, income and employment, mining, construction, manufacturing, transportation and more. Also included are county profiles. Find the 2008 *Equality State Almanac* online at <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/Almanac/Almanac.html>. Print copies are available at all county libraries, community college libraries, UW libraries, and the State Library. To request a print copy, contact the Economic Analysis Division at (307)777-7504, or ead@state.wy.us.

3.5 million visits to Wyoming public libraries during fiscal year 2008

Preliminary statistics gathered for fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) showed there were more than 3.5 million visits to Wyoming libraries. In FY08, the 23 county library systems circulated 4.7 million items, 1.6 million of those to children, and offered 13,000 programs for children, teens and adults. Wyoming libraries employed 655 people during FY08 for 436.08 full-time equivalent (40 hours weekly) positions. There were 712 public Internet-access computers available, and these were used nearly a million times. Final Wyoming FY08 public library statistics are expected to be released in January or early February. For preliminary numbers, or for other library data requests, contact Susan Vittitow, WSL statistics librarian at svitti@state.wy.us, toll-free at 1-800-264-1281 (press 3, then 3) or in the Cheyenne calling area at (307)777-5915. Additional library statistics may be found on the WSL Web site at <http://will.state.wy.us/statistics/>.

UW, State Library partner to provide electronic access

The Wyoming State Library and The University of Wyoming have partnered to provide electronic access to the Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications to the residents of Wyoming.

This is part of the Wyoming libraries' vision to improve access to federal government information.

The Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications was established by the Printing Act of January 12, 1895. It is issued each month by the Superintendent of Documents for the Government Printing Office, and catalogs all publications of the United States government, including those of the Congress and all executive departments (with the exception of administrative and confidential or restricted documents).

Records for all publications since July 1976 have been available online at the GPO's Web site, but earlier issues have generally only been available in print or on microfilm. This online version makes all issues of the Monthly Catalog from 1895 to June 1976 available online, both as keyed full text records and as page images of the original printed catalog.

The direct URL to access the Monthly Catalog is: <http://monthlycatalog.chadwyck.com>

Job openings

Library Technician
Wyoming State
Library,
Cheyenne, WY

**Archivist for
Digital Programs**
American
Heritage Center of
the University of
Wyoming,
Laramie, WY

Librarian
CollegeAmerica,
Cheyenne, WY

**Head of the
Learning
Resource Center**
University of
Wyoming,
Laramie, WY

**Manager, Youth
and Outreach
Services**
Laramie County
Library System,
Cheyenne, WY

Suggested readings for Lincoln Bicentennial

The Wyoming Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission recently released lesson plans for students K-12. Included in those lesson plans were suggested readings that may be useful for libraries to start celebrating the celebration.

Abraham Lincoln

Freedman, Russell. Lincoln: A Photo biography

The author presents a warm, appealing biography of our Civil War President. Freedman starts with Abe's boyhood and continues through his death. Many quotes are listed in the back. Good resource for teacher and older students.

Harness, Cheryl. Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington 1837-1863

Harness focuses on the Springfield years when Abe meets and marries Mary Todd and continues through the Civil War years. This book is beautifully illustrated and well written.

Herbert, Janis. Abe Lincoln for Kids: His Life and Times with 21 Activities

Janis Herbert gives historical information about events and facts of Abe Lincoln's life, then she cleverly describes

crafts to be made in the classroom. How about making a stove-pipe hat or sewing a carpetbag? It's all in the book. This book could be used as a teacher resource or for older students.

Judson, Karen. United States Presidents: Abraham Lincoln

Poems written by Abraham Lincoln. Chapter notes and sources, along with chronology and Lincoln's legacy are given in the back of the book.

Nevitt Dupuy, Trevor. The Military Life of Abraham Lincoln: Commander in Chief

The last four years of Lincoln's life as a military man are the focus of this history book. It is well documented with facts and dates.

Sandburg, Carl. The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln

All the known photographs of Abe Lincoln are displayed in this volume. Under each Lincoln photograph is the known data about the photographer and where and when the photo was taken.

Sproule, Anna. Abraham Lincoln: Leader of a Nation in Crisis

People Who Have Helped the World

Excellent source of Abraham Lincoln's life with facts, dates, and quotes. Dates, glossary, and index are listed in the back.

Stevenson, Augusta. Abe Lincoln: The Great Emancipator

From the author: "This book is faithful in spirit to the values and experiences that influenced Abe Lincoln. History is fleshed out with fictionalized details, and conversations have been added to make the stories come alive. Every reasonable effort has been made to make the stories consistent with the events, ethics, and character of Mr. Lincoln."

Stone, Tanya Lee. Abraham Lincoln: A Photographic Story of a Life

From the author: "History is a tricky thing. The circumstances of any event a person retells are seen through his or her own unique set of eyes. The truth is, it is practically unavoidable for history not to be colored by the people who write about it. Abe Lincoln is one of the most written about figures in American history. ...I have worked hard to present a balanced view of the events that affected Lincoln's life."

Uschan, Michael V. Abraham Lincoln

This is an excellent informational book with quotes from Abraham Lincoln. Timeline, glossary, further reading suggestions and an index are in back of book. Reading level 4-5 but information is advanced.2. Abraham Lincoln Differentiated

Brenner, Martha. Abe Lincoln's Hat

From the author: "The stories in this book are true, and people really lived." Photos are in the back.

Donegan Johnson, Ann. The Value of Respect; The Story of Abraham Lincoln

The story is based on facts and events of Abe's early life. Historical facts listed in back of book.

Fontes, Justine and Ron. Abe Lincoln Lawyer, Leader, Legend

Historical fiction book with lots of factual information included. This level 3 read-along includes a glossary and index.

Harness, Cheryl. Young Abe Lincoln The Frontier Days, 1809-1837

"Harness has painted scenes from Abraham Lincoln's growing-up years with a remarkable feeling

for what it was like to be living on the frontier in the early 1800s."

Herbert, Janis. Abe Lincoln for Kids: His Life and Times with 21 activities

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Judson, Karen. United States Presidents: Abraham Lincoln

Chapter notes and sources, along with chronology and Lincoln's legacy are given in the back of the book. Poems of Abraham Lincoln are included.

Krensky, Stephen. Abe Lincoln and the Muddy Pig

This book is based on a story passed down about Abe Lincoln. A timeline is listed in the back of the book. Ready to Read.

McGovern, Ann. ...if you grew up with Abraham Lincoln

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From Lincoln on Page 3

The author gives an idea of what it was like to grow up with Lincoln and to live in Kentucky, Indiana, and later in Springfield, Illinois. Scholastic. No sources are listed for this book.

Parin D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar. Abraham Lincoln

This Caldecott Medal winner is an inspiring story dealing with the life of Abe Lincoln starting with his birth in Kentucky in 1809 and ending with the Civil War. It does not mention his death.

Raatma, Lucia. Abraham Lincoln Compass Point Early Biographies

This book provides a brief biography of the sixteenth president, known as a wise and compassionate man and an eloquent speaker. His determination helped preserve the Union during the Civil War.

Reiss, Mike. The Boy Who Looked Like Lincoln

Summary: Silly book about a boy who goes to Camp What-chama-call-it, the camp for kids who look like things. No historical value but a fun read aloud.

St. George, Judith and David A. Adler. Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln. A Picture

Book of Abraham Lincoln

Historical fiction read aloud or early reader. Focuses on Abe's life from childhood to death. Important dates listed in back.

Turner, Ann. Abe Lincoln Remembers

Written in the first person. Stories Abe tells about his life with the last entry telling his wife Mary that it will be a good evening for a play.

Winters, Kay. Abe Lincoln The boy who loved books

This early reader, or read along is a historical fiction based on stories about Abe's love of books.

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth. When Abraham Talked to the Trees

"... offers young readers an inspiring glimpse of a historical giant who at their own age had to struggle against the odds to learn the skills they, too, are working to develop. An anecdotal story reveals the character of a boy who grew up to be an American President..."

Train Books

Ambrose, Stephen E. Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869

"This is the story

of the men who built the transcontinental railroad, the investors who risked their businesses and their money; the enlightened politicians who understood its importance; the engineers and surveyors who risked and lost their lives; and the Irish and Chinese immigrants, the defeated Confederate soldiers, and the other laborers who did the backbreaking and dangerous jobs in the tracks."

Arnold, Bess. Union Pacific: Crossing Sherman Hill and Other Railroad Stories

The author interviewed 27 Union Pacific railroaders who shared their memories with her. Their careers ranged from 13 to 55 years and covered a time span from 1917 to 1988. The photographs alone are worth checking out this book.

Botkin, B.A. A Treasury of Railroad Folklore

This book is chalked full of all kinds of railroad information and would be a good book for teachers to read to the class. Just pick and choose what interests you. Most entries are just a few pages.

Fraser, Mary Ann. Ten-Mile Day and the Building of the

Transcontinental Railroad.

This picture book includes a narrative of the building of the railroad and a fact block on each page. The book includes a map from Omaha to Sacramento. Pictures of railroad tools and supplies, and a glossary are also included.

Gordon, Sarah H. Passage to Union: How the Railroads Transformed American Life, 1829-1929

Mrs. Gordon tells about the conflicts of interest at local, state, and regional levels, which were characteristic of the railroad growth at every stage. She used many primary sources such as diaries, memoirs, literature, newspapers and magazines to construct her narrative.

Klein, Maury. Union Pacific: The Birth of a Railroad 1862-1893

This is an excellent source for students to learn about the powerful personalities and dramatic events that led to the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Larson, T. A. History of Wyoming

Teacher resource
Meltzer, Milton. Hear That Train Whistle Blow How the Railroad Changed the World

"Focusing on American railroad his-

tory but also touching on other countries the author shows how something as ubiquitous as the railroad has been and still is one of the most vital forces in civilization-a force that changed the world."

Miller, Marilyn. The Transcontinental Railroad

This book outlines an overall view of the building of the railroad. Special focus is placed on "The Great Race" and Promontory Point.

Socorro, Craig and Randy Adams. Frontier Spirit The Story of Wyoming

Chapter six is devoted to the building of the transcontinental railroad across what was then Dakota Territory. It focuses on the railroad towns that sprang up along the way, giving descriptions of each town starting with Cheyenne in the East and ending with Evanston.

Wood, Snyder. Trains and Railroads

Starting with the railroad revolution and ending with the train of the future, this picture book is chucked full of information. Each page is arranged so the reader can learn about several aspects of travel.

YALSA to offer winter session of online courses

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), opened registration for three online courses in Winter 2009: "Booktalks Quick and Simple" (Nancy Keane); "Boys and Books: Encouraging Early Teen and Tween Boys to Read" (Jenine Lillian) and

"Power Programming for Teens" (Amy Alessio).

All of YALSA's Winter 2009 meet for four weeks. Courses begin Feb. 9. To read course descriptions, please visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/onlinecourses/info.cfm>

Registration for YALSA's online courses is available

at www.ala.org/yalsa.

Four-week courses cost \$135 for YALSA members, \$175 for ALA members and \$195 for nonmembers. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more, and all YALSA e-courses are available for licensing; contact Beth Yoke at byoke@ala.org or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4391, for more information.



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recommended reading, go to www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists. For more information about YALSA, please contact us via e-mail, yalsa@ala.org, or by phone, at 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4390.

January

Please contact Jamie Markus at jmarkus@state.ny.us if you have any questions about the events listed on this calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7 Noon-1 p.m., Internet in Prison: Pros and Cons, <i>webinar</i>	8 The Real Bottom Line: Myths about Using Business Principles in libraries, <i>webinar</i>	9 10-11 a.m., or 2-3 p.m., WorldCat.org Update, <i>webinar</i> Noon-1 p.m., Using Google Custom Search Engine: Turning an information Firehose into a Precision Instrument, <i>webinar</i>	10
11	12	13	14 Shelf Read Your Personal Information: Getting Organized and Staying that way, <i>webinar</i> 11 a.m.-Noon, RDNA and You, <i>webinar</i>	15 11-11:45 a.m. or 3:30-4:15 p.m., Library Database of the Month: GoWylde and your New Year's Resolution, <i>webinar</i>	16 2-3 p.m., Metadata for Digitization, Part 2: PBCore, <i>webinar</i>	17
18	19	20 12-12:30 p.m., A Need for Speed: Measuring and Managing Bandwidth, <i>webinar</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 12-1 p.m., Virtual Town Hall: Focus on Staff Training, <i>webinar</i>	29 11 a.m.-Noon, Technology Planning and TechAtlas, <i>webinar</i>	30	31

Check out the Planning Calendar online at <http://will.state.wy.us/ldo/planningcalendar.html>.