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Wyoming Book Awards Winners Announced

The Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Literacy Association jointly sponsor the [Wyoming Book Awards](#). The 2022-23 winners were recently announced:

Buckaroo Book Award (grades K-3): 1st Place, “This Way, Charlie” by Caron Levis; 2nd Place, “King of the Birds” by Elise Gravel; and 3rd Place, “Snail Crossing” by Corey R. Tabor.

Indian Paintbrush Book Award (grades 4-6): 1st Place: “My Life as a Potato” by Arianne Costner; 2nd Place, “Scary Stories for Young Foxes” by Christian McKay Heidicker; and 3rd Place: “Ban this Book” by Alan Gratz.

Soaring Eagle Book Award (grades 7-12): 1st Place, “I Must Betray You” by Ruta Sepetys, 2nd Place, “You’ll be the Death of Me” by Karen M. McManus; and 3rd Place, “The Similar” by Rebecca Hanover



Learn more about the Wyoming Book Awards on the WLA [website](#).

WSL News

SYDNI STEINHAUSEN DEPARTS THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

Sydni Steinhausen, Collections Technician has left our team at the Wyoming State Library. She joined the WSL in October of 2021. As Collections Technician, she assisted in the preservation of library materials added to or removed from the State Library’s collection. She also supported the Digital Initiatives Specialist by digitizing state publications and adding metadata to the Wyoming State Library Digital Collection Suite.



Sydni Steinhausen

Librarians are encouraged to share the event [flyer](#) and [website](#) with the teens they work with.

Two scenarios will teach real world cyber-skills in a career setting: “Mock Hospital Gets Ransomware” and “Murder Mystery in a Business Setting.” Space is limited to 20 campers, so those interested in participating should [register now](#). For registration assistance or questions contact info@cyberwyoming.org or (307) 314-2188.



Calendar

- Apr 1-30 [School Library Month](#)
- Apr 23-29 [National Library Week](#)
- Apr 25 [National Library Workers Day](#)
- Apr 26 [National Library Outreach Day](#)
- Apr 26 [World Intellectual Property Day](#)
- April 27 [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)
- Apr 30 [Children’s Day/Book Day \(Día\)](#)
- Apr 30-May 6 [Preservation Week](#)
- May 1-7 [Children’s Book Week](#)
- May 16 [Wyoming Reads](#)
- Jun 1-30 [Rainbow Book Month](#)

School Libraries

FREE CYBER-SKILLS CAMP FOR TEEN GIRLS IN WYOMING

The CyberWyoming Alliance invites young Wyoming women ages 13-18 to a free [Teens Exploring Careers Camp](#) this summer. The camp will be held June 16-21 at Casper College.

Databases & Electronic Resources

VOICES OF POETRY IN GOWYLD

Celebrate [National Poetry Month](#)

by listening to poets reading their own works and some of the classics (Tennyson, Shakespeare, etc.).

You have access to 879 video clips within Literature Online (LION), a resource in [GoWYLD.net](#). Find it alphabetically or under the [Literature](#) subject area.



LION combines the texts of over 350,000 literary works with a vast library of key criticism and reference resources. Literature Online also includes audio and video content through its Poets on Screen recordings of poets and the Shakespeare Audio Plays collection. On the Literature Online main page, scroll down to Poets On Screen and select it.

[Learn more](#) on the blog, and enjoy your exploration of poetry this month! [GoWYLD](#) resources are available for free from your library or, using your library card and PIN, from your personal computer or mobile device. For more

information, contact your local library or Chris Van Burgh, Wyoming State Library Database Instruction Librarian, chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov.

ICYMI ON THE BLOG



In case you missed them, we thought we'd share these stories from the WSL blog that feature [GoWYLD](#) resources for you to explore:

[Help Kids Become Money Smart](#)

Money Smart Week 2023 (April 15-21) is underway. Check out GoWYLD for two different sources that help kids learn about money: BookFlix and Middle School (Gale In Context).

[Take Me Out to the Ballgame!](#)

Major League Baseball season has begun! Check out the U.S. History (Gale In Context) topic page for a variety of source types on baseball history and Public Library Video Online for the Ken Burns' "Baseball" documentary—all 11 parts!

Intellectual Freedom

RECORD NUMBER OF DEMANDS TO CENSOR LIBRARY MATERIALS IN 2022

In March, the American Library Association (ALA) [released new data](#) documenting 1,269 demands to censor library books and resources in 2022, the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago. This nearly doubles the 729 challenges reported in 2021. A record 2,571 unique titles were targeted for censorship.

Of those titles, the vast majority were written by or about members of the LGBTQIA+ community and people of color.

ALA will announce its annual list of the top 10 most challenged books in the U.S. on Monday, April 24 during [National Library Week](#), along with its full State of America's Libraries Report. This day has also been designated as the inaugural [Right to Read Day](#).

Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: Follow the Wyoming State Library on our [blog](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

Wyoming Library Association

WLLI POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

The [Wyoming Library Leadership Institute](#)



committee has announced that this year's retreat will be postponed until next year. Here is the WLLI committee's statement on the decision:

"Part of being a leader is knowing when we have too much on our plate. We recognize that there has been a lot of turnover in our libraries this year. Additionally, intellectual freedom challenges have required much time and attention from many of our colleagues. This has affected our committee as well as many WLLI grads who now find their plates fuller than they once were. After much deliberation, the WLLI retreat planning committee has decided to press pause and delay the WLLI newbie retreat until next year. This was a difficult decision because we each desire to continue to support and develop leaders in our state and to share the experience we enjoyed and benefited from as attendees. We will continue working toward a retreat in 2024, and look forward to making it a wonderful experience for all who attend."

SUBMIT YOUR WLA CONFERENCE PROPOSALS BY END OF APRIL

The deadline to [submit program proposals](#) for the 2023 Wyoming Library Association’s conference is nearing on April 30. The program planning subcommittee is excited to hear about your ideas for awesome sessions, discussion panels, and demonstrations to share with your WLA colleagues. The conference will take place October 4-6, 2023 in Casper. Proposal selections will be made by June 1, with proposal status notifications in early June. Questions may go to Darcy Acord at darcylippacord@gmail.com.

People News

CAMERON DUFF LEAVING SHERIDAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Cameron Duff, Director of the Sheridan County Library System, is leaving the library to accept a new position in local government as the new Administrative Director for Sheridan County. Cameron worked in libraries for over 26 years across Missouri, Texas, Colorado, and Wyoming in multiple roles.



Cameron Duff

He’s been Director of the Sheridan County Public Library System since 2010.

“When I say that I am proud of the work done at the library, it’s all about teamwork,” he said. “We worked together to raise funds for a new roof, emergency generator, new technology, remodel of our meeting rooms, and tween section. The support from the community was instrumental to ensuring that library service remained strong throughout the county.”

Cameron sees opportunities for the next director to expand library services and to take it to the next level over the coming decade. “Change may be difficult at times, but there are opportunities for some amazing things in the future for the library system, staff, and the residents of Sheridan County.”



RICHARD LANDRETH RETIRING FROM LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Richard Landreth is retiring as Director of the Lincoln County Library System. His last day with LCLS is May 19, 2023. He will move on to position as Director of the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library in Nebraska.



Richard Landreth

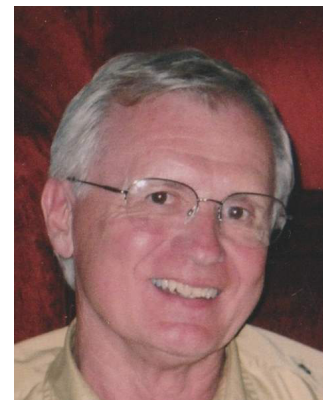
Richard worked for the Campbell County School District as a library media specialist before accepting the directorship at Lincoln County in August of 2018.

He has long been involved in the Wyoming library community, and was a graduate of the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute class of 2003. Richard is a Past President of the Wyoming Library Association and served as Book Awards Advisor for many years. In 2022, WLA honored him with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

“The staff and residents of Lincoln County are amazing to work with,” he said. “My hope is that the Lincoln County Library System continues to change, grow, and evolve to continue meeting the needs of Lincoln County.”

KEITH COTTAM, FORMER UW DEAN OF LIBRARIES, HAS PASSED AWAY

Keith M. Cottam of Casper passed away on April 9 at the age of 82. Keith served as director of various academic libraries, including the Casper College Goodstein Library. He served as Dean of the University of Wyoming



Keith M. Cottam, 1941-2023

Libraries for 18 years and was President of the Wyoming Library Association in 1998-1999. [Read his obituary](#) for more on Keith’s life and distinguished career.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Jennifer Kirk, University of Wyoming Libraries marketing and communications specialist, is the recipient of the UW Libraries Outstanding Staff Award for her contributions in 2022. Jennifer has worked for UW Libraries since December 2018, and she has been at UW since June 2013.

Shannon Smith joined UW Libraries as Student Success Librarian in March. She was a SPARC Open Education Leadership Fellow from 2020-2021 and previously served as Open

Educational Resources Librarian at Boise State University
Albertsons Library and Scholarly Communication Librarian at Utah State University Libraries

Sierra Pandey has joined the University of Wyoming Libraries, changing tracks from a public librarian in Indiana to the Scholarship and Open Publishing Librarian. Sierra got their Masters of Library and Information Science from snowy St. Catherine University in Minnesota.

Professional Development

WYOMING SHRAB HOLDING TWO WORKSHOPS IN MAY

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (WY SHRAB) is holding a spring seminar and a virtual workshop in May. [Learn more and register](#) on WY SHRAB News & Events.

ARMA spring seminar

The Wyoming Chapter of ARMA spring seminar will be held Tuesday, May 2. This day-long workshop is a hybrid event where participants can elect to attend virtually or in-person at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. See the [event brochure](#) for full details and registration fees.

A Tale of Two Archives

On May 23 and 25, join WY SHRAB for the free virtual workshop, “A Tale of Two Archives: Digital Records Management in Oregon and Wyoming,” a digital records management workshop for all skill levels.

The Wyoming SHRAB promotes the identification, preservation and dissemination of the state’s historical records.

For more information about the board and its events, visit [the website](#) or contact Sara Davis, WY SHRAB coordinator and State Archivist, at (307) 777-7826 or sara.davis@wyo.gov.

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.”

These on-demand offerings caught our attention for April.

- [Big Talk for Small Libraries 2023 Conference Recordings](#) (Nebraska Library Commission)
- [Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement](#) (WebJunction)
- [Working with Tweens: What’s up with these “in-betweeners”?](#) (Colorado State Library)
- [Artificial Intelligence in Schools: Allow or Prohibit? Ethical Considerations for Educators](#) (edWeb)

DO YOU GET EXCITED ABOUT MAKER PROGRAMMING IN LIBRARIES?

Join our team and help build a diverse national Library Maker community!

APPLY TO BE AN AMBASSADOR
APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 5, 2023

LIBRARY MAKERS A Community of Learners and Leaders

APPLY TO BECOME A LIBRARY MAKER AMBASSADOR

Library Makers is looking for individuals to help spread the word about their new, forthcoming [website and community engagement platform](#), contribute content, provide feedback, and encourage new library staff to join as a part of their Inaugural Ambassador program. Members of this Inaugural Ambassador group will receive individual recognition, gain professional experience, and receive a stipend of \$1,000 for their participation.

The deadline to apply is **May 5, 2023**. Selections will be made by May 22, and the Ambassador one-year term will end May 31, 2024. Preview the [questions](#), see the full [program overview](#), and [submit your application](#) by the May 5 deadline. Questions may be directed to info@librarymakers.org.

New Books

The latest additions to the Wyoming State Library's professional development collection are available to you through [WYLDcat](#). Questions, comments, or purchase suggestions may go to Library Development Manager Brian Greene at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6339.

[Academic Librarian Burnout: Causes and Responses](#)

Edited by Christina Holm, Ana Guimaraes, and Nashieli Marcano
Chicago, Illinois: Association of College and Research Libraries, 2022

[25 Ready-to-Use Sustainable Living Programs for Libraries](#)

Edited by Ellyssa Kroski
Chicago: ALA Editions, 2023

[Developing a Library Accessibility Plan: A Practical Guide for Librarians](#)

Rebecca M. Marrall
Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, [2020]

[Information Services Today: An Introduction, 3rd ed.](#)

Edited by Sandra Hirsh
Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, an imprint of The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., [2022]
([More editions](#))

Cultural Humility

David A. Hurley, Sarah R. Kostelecky, and Lori Townsend
Chicago: ALA Editions, 2022

Inspired Thinking: Big Ideas to Enrich Yourself and Your Community

Dorothy Stoltz with Morgan Miller, Lisa Picker, Joseph Thompson, and Carrie Willson
Chicago: ALA Editions, 2020

The Post-Pandemic Library Handbook

Julie Todaro
Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, [2022]

Senior Services Today: A Practical Guide for Librarians

Ashley Brooks
Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, [2021]

Library Jobs

Library Director

Sheridan County Public Library System
Sheridan, WY
Open until filled
The Sheridan County Public Library System has a position vacancy for a Library Director. This is a full-time, benefitted position located in Sheridan, Wyoming. The director plans, manages, and directs the operations, programs, services, personnel and facilities of the Sheridan County Public Library System.

Design and Marketing Specialist

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY
Application deadline May 1, 2023 at noon MDT

Library Assistants

Park County Library System
Cody WY
Application deadline May 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. MDT

Sort Room Clerk

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY
Application deadline April 24, 2023 at noon MDT

Senior Library Assistant

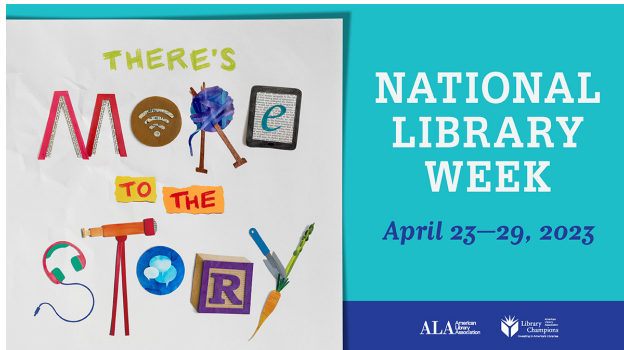
Park County Library System
Cody, WY
Open until filled

Building Manager

Lincoln County Library System
Kemmerer, WY
Open until filled



Events



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 23-29

[National Library Week](#) will be held April 23-29, 2023 with the theme, “There’s More to the Story.” Libraries support communities by providing more than just books and access to information. Communities can take advantage of internet and technology access, literacy and skill-building tools, professional development courses, job training, and so much more.

New York Times best-selling and award-winning author, Kelly Yang, will serve as this year’s honorary chair. Yang authored many books for young readers, including the Front Desk series, as well as standalone titles, “New from Here” and “Finally Seen.”

During National Library Week, the American Library Association invites communities to observe the following:

- **Monday, April 24:** [Right to Read Day](#), an inaugural celebration to acknowledge and promote the right to read and mark the one-year anniversary of ALA’s Unite Against Book Bans campaign. The 2023 State of America’s Libraries Report and Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2022 will also be released on this day.
- **Tuesday, April 25:** [National Library Workers Day](#), a day for library staff, users, administrators, and friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- **Wednesday, April 26:** [National Library Outreach Day](#), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- **Thursday, April 27:** [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

April is also [School Library Month](#), sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, an ALA division.

National Library Week promotional artwork is [available for download](#). First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is observed each April by ALA and libraries across the county. For more information, visit [ILoveLibraries.org/NLW](https://www.lovelibraries.org/NLW) or follow #NationalLibraryWeek.



PRESERVATION WEEK 2023: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

[Preservation Week](#) takes place from April 30-May 6, 2023 with the theme, “Building Resilient Communities.” It’s an opportunity to inspire action to preserve collections — in libraries, archives, and museums, of course — but especially items held and loved by individuals, families, and communities. Preservation Week activities will also raise awareness of the role libraries and other cultural institutions play in providing sound preservation information. Learn more at preservationweek.org.

Grants & Awards

[Bound to Stay Bound Inc. “My First AASL National Conference” Travel Grant](#)

DEADLINE: April 24, 2023

Thirty travel grants are available to school library professionals wishing to attend the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Conference for the first time. The \$750

grants for first-time attendees of the conference are sponsored by Bound to Stay Bound Books. Applicants must be ALA/AASL personal members at the time of application.

[Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants](#)

DEADLINE: April 27, 2023, 9:00 p.m. MDT

All types of schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that help K-12 students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. Grants will be announced on August 17, 2023. The applicant organization must be located within 15 miles of a Dollar General store. Grant funding is provided to implement new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchase new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and/or purchase books, materials, or software for literacy programs.

[National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Grants](#)

DEADLINE: April 27, 2023

Offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to groups/communities with rich and dynamic artistic and cultural contributions to share that are underserved. Challenge America features an abbreviated application, a robust structure of technical assistance, and grants for a set amount of \$10,000. Grants require a cost share/match of \$10,000 cash and/or in-kind contributions.

[Voya Unsung Heroes](#)

DEADLINE: April 28, 2023

The Voya Unsung Heroes program seeks to reward excellence in U.S. schools by funding innovative K-12 classroom projects. Each year, 50 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects that improve student learning. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000.

[Toshiba America Foundation](#)

DEADLINE: May 1, 2023

Grants for grade 6-12 teachers for innovative science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) projects. At least \$5,000 will be awarded to support innovative project-based learning with measurable outcomes. Note: the foundation typically supports project-based learning and does not consider requests for computers, laptops, or tablets.

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\) Conference Scholarships](#)

DEADLINE: May 2, 2023

Each year the ARSL Grants, Awards & Scholarships (GAS) Committee accepts applications for competitive scholarships to facilitate attendance to the ARSL Conference. New this year is the Empowering Library Workers of Color Conference Scholarship. Scholarships also available for LIS students, early-career professionals, and ARSL members attending the conference for the first time.

[ALA's Great Stories Club](#)

DEADLINE: May 10, 2023

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library workers to apply for "Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures." This brand-new series in ALA's Great Stories Club (GSC) will feature science fiction books that explore questions of equity, identity, and alternate futures. 35 selected libraries will receive 11 paperback copies of theme-related books to use in the reading and discussion groups as well as a \$500 programming stipend, online training, an array of program resources, and support.

[McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education](#)

DEADLINE: May 31, 2023

Want to attend a conference or workshop to build your library skills? Take an online course? Start working toward that library media specialist endorsement or master's degree in library science? Funds are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries through the Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education. Applications are accepted six times during the year. The next deadline is May 31, 2023, for continuing education events starting no earlier than July 1, 2023.

[Union Pacific Foundation: Community Ties Giving Program](#)

DEADLINE: May 31, 2023

Program aims to build safe, prosperous, vibrant, and inclusive communities where Union Pacific

Railroad operates. Funding is provided for direct services and efforts that build the capacity of organizations focused on the following causes: safety, workforce development, community spaces, environmental sustainability, and local needs. Within each focus area, the aim is to support programs and organizations working to advance the diversity, equity, and inclusion of underrepresented populations. Grant awards typically range from \$2,500 to \$25,000.

News in Brief

[Science Literacy: It's Not Just for Kids](#)

April is [Citizen Science Month](#), a celebration of public participation in science. As citizens and voters, adults are asked to make decisions that increasingly involve complex science. Check out this webinar recording from WebJunction to learn about expanding adult learning to include identifying environmental issues, applying science-based strategies, and working together to find solutions and take action.

[Association for Rural and Small Libraries Call for Conference Proposals](#)

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) has put out a call for workshop proposals for its 2023 conference in Wichita, Kansas, to be held September 20-23. This year's conference theme is "Unite & Ignite." They're seeking proposals on all topics relevant to small and rural libraries, from practical how-to sessions

to broader explorations of the changing library landscape. All program proposals are due April 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. MDT.

[Network of the National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibitions](#)

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) has opened its Call for Requests for NLM Traveling Exhibitions. The deadline to submit requests is May 2, 2023 at noon MDT. Seven titles are available for requests.

[Scholarships for Rural Health Summit](#)

The American Heart Association SouthWest, representing Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming is hosting the inaugural Rural Health Summit on May 12, in Dallas, Texas. Leaders and champions of rural health from all sectors of the community are welcome, including educators, librarians, healthcare providers, county extension agents, small business owners, and corporate leaders. A limited number of scholarships for travel expenses are available.

[Libraries and Veterans Toolkit Available](#)

In an effort to help librarians just getting started working with veterans, as well as those looking for new ideas to bring to their libraries, an online toolkit was created to collect the shared knowledge of librarians working with the veteran community. It contains lesson plans, program outlines, collection development policies, best practice documents, and more to help ease the

way for those just getting started in this work – and to make it easier for those already engaged to find new ideas and new strategies to increase the success of their programs.

[Library of Congress Adds Major League Baseball History Online](#)

To celebrate the start of the 2023 Major League Baseball season, the Library of Congress has announced a new digital collection: [Early Baseball Publications](#). The collection, which will grow over time, provides full-text digitized access to more than 120 early baseball publications. The initial release includes a large selection of 19th- and early 20th-century annual baseball guides.

[Hunger-Free Libraries: Food Pantries and Fridges](#)

Food insecurity is a problem that has drawn increasing attention in recent years. Libraries have a long, rich history of partnering with government and nonprofit agencies to help improve food access, and lately they have been helping in new and creative ways. One way libraries are doing this work is by creating community pantries, fridges, and blessing boxes. In [this article](#), WebJunction has put together resources for libraries addressing hunger.

[Stories Beyond Borders: A Chinese American and Diasporic Reading List](#)

The Chinese American Librarians Association partnered with YALSA and collaborated with ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee to

create a reading list for youth centering Chinese American voices. [Stories Beyond Borders: A Chinese American and Diasporic Reading List](#) features Chinese American and diasporic creators and stories for children, middle grade, and teens.

[Report Explores How Pandemic Reshaped Libraries](#)

This March marks three years since COVID-19 brought the country to a standstill. With this [special report](#), American Libraries looks at some libraries' behind-the-scenes decisions to keep communities connected and missions fulfilled.

[Explore History Hub's New Home!](#)

Are you stuck in your historical research? Hit a wall in your genealogy quest? Find your answer on [History Hub](#) – now in a new home following its recent migration! Free and open to anyone, you can ask questions and get answers from multiple sources including National Archives staff, other archives, libraries, museums, and a community of genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen experts.

What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.