WYLDCat Enriched With Syndetics Unbound

The Wyoming State Library WYLD Office recently launched the exciting addition of Syndetics Unbound in WYLDCat. Syndetics Unbound combines the power of LibraryThing for Libraries and Syndetics Solutions to provide a modern, updated experience for all users.

This catalog enrichment service is a visually engaging readers’ advisory experience similar to features users expect when shopping online for content or using social media. Learn more on our information page.

WYLDCat has included jacket covers, reviews, and blurbs previously, but now you’ll see more fully featured Readers’ Advisory tools embedded within record details without leaving the catalog. Browsable tags, “you may also like,” series information, awards, book profiles, and reading levels help patrons find the perfect book, movie, recording, or game.

Your patrons can see cover images, summaries, awards, reviews, and much more. The premium jacket cover service means that WYLDCat users now see more jacket covers than before.

Syndetics Unbound provides coverage for content published outside the United States as well, including Canada, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand.
WSL News

IVIE AT ALA MIDWINTER

The Wyoming State Library’s Thomas Ivie served on the Newspaper Digitization Panel at the ALA Midwinter meeting in Denver this month. To his left is Leigh Jeremias from the Colorado State Library. To his right is Sarah Quimby from the Minnesota Historical Society. Tom is the WSL’s Research & Statistics Librarian and the lead worker for Wyoming Newspapers.

TRAINING OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WLA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

If you will be in Cheyenne for the Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 22, the Wyoming State Library has two learning opportunities for you.

Wyoming State Archives Resources

Thursday, February 22, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wyoming State Archives, 2301 Central Ave.
Join State Archivist Michael Strom and Deputy State Archivist Kathy Marquis to learn about some of the resources available at the Wyoming State Archives. They will present general overviews of the records in their collections and of record retention schedules.

WYLD Office Updates

Friday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave.
WYLD Office Manager Desiree Saunders will provide an update on Syndetics Unbound, BLUEcloud Visibility, BLUEcloud, Mobile, and other features that are part of our new, updated contract with SirsiDynix. There’ll be time for questions and discussion about training, communication, and more.

FY19 FEDERAL BUDGET PROPOSAL HAS POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR LIBRARIES

As you may have heard, the Trump Administration’s newly released An American Budget – President’s Budget FY 2019 proposes to eliminate funding for several independent agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This is the same recommendation found in the FY18 Budget. That recommendation did not find support in Congress. In fact, the United States Senate budget proposal added $4 million to the IMLS budget and the House of Representatives level funded the agency.
Both FY18 proposals are still working their way through Congress. Additionally, last week’s bipartisan spending agreement will impact the timing and implementation of the FY19 budget.

What does this mean for Wyoming? The State Library will watch and wait to see what develops and keep the library community informed. The American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association (WLA), Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), our library vendor-partners, and other organizations have already started advocacy efforts. More information and any specific requests for you to act are forthcoming.

The Wyoming State Library receives just under $900,000 in federal Library Services and Technology Act grant funds each year. To learn more about how these funds are used, visit the LSTA page on our website.

Wyoming Library Association

WLA READY FOR LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION THIS WEEK

The Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception is set for Thursday, February 22, here at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave., Cheyenne. Come to meet and mingle with our legislators and elected officials and let them know how much their support of libraries is appreciated. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m., preceded by a legislative update at 5:00 p.m.

Potluck food is appreciated, as we want our legislators to feel both welcome and well-fed. If you can bring a dish, please contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov and let her know what you are bringing and whether you will need an electrical outlet. Monetary donations toward the reception are also welcome and may be mailed to WLA at P.O. Box 1387, Cheyenne WY 82003.

APPLY NOW TO ATTEND THE WYOMING LIBRARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Wyoming Library Leadership Institute that will be held July 19–20 at Central Wyoming College’s Lander Campus. WLLI provides an opportunity for librarians and others associated with libraries to learn about leadership potential. These acquired skills will be used to benefit involvement in their library, community, and
library association. The program was developed to fill a recognized need to cultivate library leaders, which prompted the Wyoming State Library (WSL) to seek funding for the institute.

Learn more and fill out your application to be part of the 2018 cohort. Application deadline is April 15. Questions? Contact Tasha Reeves at btreeves12@yahoo.com, (307) 332-5194, or Chris Van Burgh at chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov, (307) 777-3642.

**Library brings celebrated science authors to Cheyenne**

The Laramie County Library System brought international science stars and authors Dr. Jana Grcievich and Olivia Koski to Cheyenne on February 9 and 10 as part of its “Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey” exhibition.

Grcievich and Koski, creators of the Intergalactic Travel Bureau and authors of *Vacation Guide to the Solar System*, visited South High School to introduce students to Guerilla Science, did a demonstration at an after-hours Guerilla Science Mixer for the over-21 crowd, and held an Out of This World Young Writers Workshop for children in grades 3-12.

“Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey” is a travelling science museum at the library until March 27. It includes interactive displays, meteorites, games, costumes, and special events and programs for all ages.
School Libraries

WEBINARS GO IN DEPTH WITH THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS

Join Jennisen Lucas, Wyoming School Librarian and American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Affiliate for the second part of her in-depth tour of the new AASL school library standards on the Shared Foundation, “Include.” This free webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 27, at 3:30 p.m. MST. Register now.

Part I of this series was held in January and has been added to our training archives. In that one, Jennisen covers the first Shared Foundation of the standards, “Inquire.” Watch it on YouTube.

AASL STANDARDS ADDED TO THE WSL PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

We've just added National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries to the Wyoming State Library collection. This book is available to you for checkout through interlibrary loan or at our building here in Cheyenne. The WSL maintains a professional collection on many library topics that may be of use to you, available through WYLDCat.

Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: follow the Wyoming State Library on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter.
Trustee Corner

3 KEYS TO A DEVELOPED BOARD

*Courtesy of Library Strategies*

All library-affiliated boards need to grow and develop on an annual basis. As individual members and as a group, they need regular training, review of policies and responsibilities, and additional perspectives for future planning and directions. Three keys can help you develop your board on a regular basis.

**Key 1: Board Orientation**
Certainly hold an orientation for all new members, but annual or bi-annual orientations are also valuable as refreshers.

**Key 2: Professional Development Activities**
All board members should engage in this annually, but occasional group trainings or workshops are also important. Ideally board development is structured, scheduled, and an expected duty.

**Key 3: Board Evaluation**
Conduct an annual board evaluation process (usually a simple survey from the President) as part of a review of individual members' performance but also the performance of the board as a whole.

Academic Libraries

NANCY MILLER IS NEW NWC DIRECTOR

In November 2017, Nancy Miller was named the new director of the Northwest College John Taggart Hinckley Library. She has worked for the NWC for 20 years, first coming to the library in 1997 as a library assistant.

Nancy grew up in western Oregon, but finished high school in Casper. She earned a two-year degree from Casper College in biology, and a B.S. in zoology from Oregon State University.

After working several summers for the Wyoming Game and Fish and Bureau of Land Management, she and her husband settled near Pinedale where she took a part-time job with the Sublette County Library.

After working at Sublette County Library for nine years, she and her husband moved to Powell in 1997 where she was hired by NWC. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree in 2005 from the University of Missouri-Columbia through an online/in-person hybrid program.
In addition to administrative duties and library and NWC advocacy, Nancy works as a team member to teach library instruction and help with or fill-in other duties where needed—reference desk, cataloging, archives, etc. “This allows the director to provide the most important function of an academic library,” she said, “to interact with and teach students.” Two of her top priorities are to keep providing quality online information resources that are easy to access and use, and to continue the library’s goal to embed library instruction into every academic program at all levels.

**Special Libraries**

**COMICS HAVE RESEARCH VALUE AT THE AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER**

*Excerpted from the AHC blog*

*by Amanda Stow, Assistant Archivist*

Comic book writer Stan Lee turned 95 in December, and he’s still at work. Providing evidence to all his decades of work in the comic book industry, and its expansion to other entertainment media such as film and television, is the American Heritage Center’s collection of Lee’s papers, which continues to grow. Lee’s papers are a valuable educational resource, particularly to the University of Wyoming’s students.

Lee’s collection includes early twentieth century comics, manuscripts of his columns, and fan mail. Students and faculty in multiple disciplines use Lee’s collection to study literature, American Studies, social studies education, and more for research papers, theses, and curriculum development. From his papers, students learn about different facets of United States culture from the twentieth century, including politics and social constructs—for example the Civil Rights Movement.

Open to the public, Lee’s papers are also a resource for anyone who is interested, whether for personal interest or for academic study. For these reasons, Lee’s comics and papers are frequently used, and are a valuable asset to the AHC and the education of its students and the wide number of communities it serves.
Databases & Electronic Resources

TWO NEW GOWYLD WEBINARS IN OUR TRAINING ARCHIVE

We’ve added two more offerings to our archive. See more on our webinars index, and find upcoming learning opportunities on our training calendar.

Biography in Context
Join Chris Van Burgh for a look at Biography in Context, especially timely for Black History Month and Women’s History Month. This great tool is a portal to more than 640,000 biographical entries for contemporary and historical figures. It’s a perfect resource for students doing research.

Heart Mountain Internment Camp Exhibit and Wyoming Newspapers
Join Thomas Ivie and Chris Van Burgh for a look at the Heart Mountain Internment Camp exhibit, part of Wyoming Newspapers. In this archived webinar to watch at your leisure, they look at searching in Wyoming Newspapers, as well as a few other resources available in GoWYLD.net.

People News

STANFILL RETIRES, HOHL TAKES THE REINS AT SUBLETTE COUNTY LIBRARY

After seven years as the Executive Director of the Sublette County Libraries, Sid Stanfill is retiring in March 2018. Sukey Hohl has been appointed as Executive Director effective March 26. A public farewell gathering for exiting director Sid Stanfill will be held Friday, March 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Sukey has been involved in every aspect of the library’s operations over the past 20 years. She joined the library staff in 1997 as Technical Services Manager and has served as Associate Director since 2010. A member of the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) since 1997, she served as president in 2011. She received a Master of Library Science degree from the University of California in Berkeley.

“I’m very excited to have this great opportunity” says Sukey. “We have two wonderful libraries here in Sublette County, a great staff and a very supportive library community. Working with Sid these last seven years has been very rewarding.
and I’m looking forward to what the future will bring as the role of the library continues to develop and change.”

**HISSAM RETIRES, MOORE NAMED CONVERSE COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Cindy Moore has been named the new director of Converse County Library. She has been the Assistant Director since June of 2017. Outgoing Director Kirk Hissam has retired, effective February 15, with Cindy moving into her new position the following day. “He left big shoes to fill,” she said. Prior to coming to Converse County, Cindy worked in Wyoming libraries for many years, beginning at the Sweetwater County Library System in 2003, moving to the Park County Library as Powell Branch Manager in 2012, and holding the directorship at Albany County Public Library from 2013 to 2016.

In October 2016, Converse County Library opened its new main library in Douglas. “We have everything we need to work with: a positive staff, a supportive board and an awesome building,” Cindy said. “We’ll continue the work of director Kirk Hissam and the board who started re-imagining our mission and service model.”

**PERKINS JOINS LCCC AT THE ALBANY COUNTY CAMPUS**

In January, Seth Perkins was hired by Laramie County Community College for its Albany County Campus. As the sole ACC Faculty Librarian he is responsible for the campus library, teaching courses, and managing campus tutoring services.

Perkins grew up in Wyoming and graduated from Casper College and the University of Wyoming. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science degree from San José State University. Prior to taking the LCCC post, Perkins worked in libraries in the Fort Collins area since 2010, most recently as the librarian and instructor at CollegeAmerica.

**PEOPLE IN BRIEF**

Rachel Crocker joined Albany County Public Library as its Assistant Director. She will lead the library’s operations and administrative services. Previously, Rachel worked for a DC-based non-profit that strengthened and modernized library systems in eight developing countries. Originally from Cheyenne she is an alumna of the University of Wyoming.
Katherine Loader is Laramie County Library System’s first Early Literacy Librarian. She will lead the library’s new First Steps Initiative funded by the Laramie County Library Foundation. Loader was previously the Tech Librarian, serving patrons of all ages, at the Anythink Libraries in Thornton, Colorado. She received her Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University.

Laramie County Library System’s Bobby Phillipps was promoted in January from Circulation Assistant to Audio-Visual Coordinator. In his new position he will coordinate the extensive in-house collection of nearly 30,000 audio-visual titles for adults, including movie and television DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, and video games. He first came to work for the library in 2004 as a shelve.

Diane Trotter retired on February 1 after more than 40 years at the University of Wyoming Libraries. She was Manager of Interlibrary Loan / Request It Services among her many other contributions to UW.

Sue Christenson marked her last day at Park County Library on January 31. Originally hired in 1986, she worked in both adult and children’s services over the years before becoming the Cody Library’s audio-visual assistant in 2006. After 32 years with the library she is now planning to travel, and spend time with children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

Tasha Reeves, who worked in adult circulation at Fremont County Library – Lander and who ran their Murder Mystery Night for three years, has left to take a job at Lander Vision Center as a paraoptometric. She’s currently heading up the 2018 Wyoming Library Leadership Institute in Lander this July as a WLLI Alumni.

### Patents & Trademarks

#### U.S. Patents Offer Romance

Many of us enjoyed giving gifts of chocolates, flowers, and other items as an expression of undying affection to our loved ones on Valentine’s Day. Expressing the popular sentiment of this holiday are a few inventive and fun patents. See more on our blog.

The Love Tester (US Patent No. D 085,341)

Interested in knowing how attractive the opposite sex finds you? Here is your answer! This is a design patent from 1931 granted to John
F. Meyer, for the face of a love tester machine. Insert a single penny and it will “Measure Your Sex Appeal.”

**Kissing Shield (US Patent No. 5,727,565)**

Worried about sharing more than your undying affection with that special someone? Check out this patent granted to Deloris Gray Wood in 1998. This practical device allows the user to kiss people without having to worry about the spread of germs and diseases. Now, that’s ... romantic?

**The Love Clock (US Patent No. D360366)**

There is always time for expressing your love with this delightful invention. Ormond D. McGill was granted this design patent in 1995. The Love Clock says, “I Love You” on the hour instead of just a chime.

For more information on intellectual property, contact the Wyoming State Library [Patent and Trademark Resource Center](#) at (307) 777-7281 for Karen Kitchens, State Publications Librarian.

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**Training**

**WYOMING ARMA SEMINAR: ARE YOU CYBER AWARE?**

Everyday many new threats are discovered. The Wyoming Chapter of ARMA’s Annual Spring Seminar, “Are You Cyber Aware?: Who And What Can You Trust?” will give you additional information on cyber threats and ideas to help protect you and your organization. The event will be held Tuesday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Laramie County Community College, 1400 E. College Dr., Cheyenne.

Registration is now open: $50 for ARMA members, $25 for full-time students with valid identification, and $75 for non-ARMA members. Registration fee includes beverages, morning break, lunch, and an afternoon ice cream social.

For more information contact Donna Crock at (307) 777-5751 or donna.crock@wyo.gov; or contact Carolynn Coy at (307) 755-4910 or wyarma@gmail.com.

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**Have a Story?**

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

Lola Homsher Research Grant
DEADLINE: February 28, 2018
The Wyoming State Historical Society offers cash grants to people involved in research activities based on various aspects of the state’s history. Grants range from $100 up to $1500. Proposals must include a statement of purpose, an explanation of the project, the value to Wyoming history and a description of how the public will benefit from the research.

Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture
DEADLINE: March 1, 2018
Talk Story is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families. The program celebrates and explores APA and AIAN stories through books, oral traditions, and art. This grant gives financial support to libraries and organizations who want to introduce a Talk Story program.

Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education
DEADLINE: March 31, 2018
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 March 31 for continuing education events starting no earlier than May 1.

Wyoming Arts Council Community Support Grants
DEADLINE: April 1, 2018
This grant is specifically designed for project and/or operational support for organizations that provide services to their community through the arts. Each organization is eligible for a total of up to $20,000 in five categories: operating and project support (up to $12,000), arts education activities (up to $5,000), professional development (up to $1,000), programs involving folk artists (up to $1,000), and outreach to rural communities (up to $1,000). All projects must take place between July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Carol McMurry Library Endowment Grants to Libraries
DEADLINE: June 15, 2018
These grants provide support to Wyoming librarians and publicly accessible Wyoming libraries in three areas: education and training, library resources, and library foundation development. Grant deadlines annually in June and December. Questions? Contact Brian Greene, WSL Library Development Manager, at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6339.
Book Reviews

Tarnished Gold
By Barbara Townsend
Atlantic City, Wyo.: Fine Nib Publishing, 2017

*Tarnished Gold* is the third novel from Barbara Townsend, a University of Wyoming graduate with a keen interest in Western history and a talent for bringing interesting characters to life. In *Tarnished Gold*, Townsend focuses on the South Pass gold mining region. The mystery/crime/romance novel is set in the 1930s in the fictional town of Placer City, Wyoming. Townsend has done her research, and she includes an abundance of details that draw the reader into that time and place. The challenges of daily life in a bust town are woven into the narrative so skillfully that the reader may not realize that a history lesson is being delivered along with the story. The author makes good use of every word to build a complex tale with satisfying resolutions to the various complications introduced. The well-developed, multidimensional characters and the intricate plot twists make this a book to be savored.

*Sandra Barstow, Head of Collection Development
University of Wyoming Coe Library*

J. C. Penney: The Man, the Store, and American Agriculture
By David Delbert Kruger
Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, [2017]

J. C. Penney had always been just a name on a store front to me. No longer. James Cash Penney was the man behind the first transcontinental department store that brought affordable goods to urban and rural America. Kruger brings us the story of a young businessman who opened his store, against all advice, in 1902 Kemmerer, Wyoming. Penney continued opening stores and developed a lifelong love for breeding top quality livestock, especially horses and cattle. Penney even brought farm livestock (literally) to the sales floors of many stores. I recommend Kruger’s story of a man not interested in building personal wealth but instead dedicated to following the Golden Rule. The author tells of a caring capitalist, frugal man, Christian philanthropist, and dedicated agriculturist. The stores J. C. Penney opened are, unfortunately, disappearing. Through the history Penney created, and Kruger recorded, it will be much longer before they are forgotten.

*Nancy Venable, Extension and Volunteer Services Manager
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