Libraries Get Ready for Suffrage Celebration

In 2019 and 2020, the Wyoming Women’s Suffrage Celebration will mark the sesquicentennials of the 1869 law that granted women in Wyoming Territory the right to vote and the first time a woman exercised that right in a general election in Laramie in 1870. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted women’s suffrage nationwide. The Wyoming State Library has posted a Women’s Suffrage in Wyoming LibGuide that was created by the Wyoming State Archives.

Governor Matt Mead has established the Governor’s Council on Wyoming Women’s Suffrage Celebration. Chris Van Burgh, Database Instruction Librarian at the Wyoming State Library, was named to the Council in October.

“We’re encouraging our public and school libraries to think now on how they can create celebrations and programming,” Van Burgh said. “As we’re looking at bringing events out to communities across Wyoming, libraries are a great place to start.” Libraries that have questions or ideas about participating are welcome to contact Chris at (307) 777-3642 or chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov.
WSL News

DANIELLE PRICE JOINS WYOMING STATE LIBRARY TEAM

The Wyoming State Library welcomes Danielle Price as our new Digital Initiatives Librarian in the Information Services office. She will work primarily with digital state documents. Danielle lived in Douglas as a child and says she has “many happy memories of Wyoming—summer outings to Ayres Natural Bridge Park, winters in the snow, even the wind.”

After relocating to Tucson, she fell into library work when she found a job as a library assistant at a local high school and loved it right away. She went back to school and earned her Master’s in Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona in Tucson. After graduating, she took a job as a reference librarian at the main branch of the Jefferson Parish Library in Metairie, Louisiana. She was there for two years before joining the WSL.

“Danielle’s a great addition to our team with her reference experience and eagerness to learn,” said Abby Beaver, WSL Information Services Manager. “We’re very excited to see what new skills and ideas she brings to the library and to her position.”

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR IMLS APPROVED BY CONGRESS FOR FY2018

The FY18 federal omnibus spending bill, recently approved by Congress and signed by President Trump, included a significant increase in funding to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the source of federal funding for the nation’s museums, libraries, and library development agencies, such as the Wyoming State Library.

In Wyoming, IMLS funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) supports statewide projects such as WYLDCAT, interlibrary loan, e-content, databases, training, and support of the Wyoming’s 13 state institution libraries. For FY19 Wyoming has received approximately $900,000, a $3,600 increase over last year.

As in his FY18 budget, the President’s FY19 proposal calls for IMLS to be eliminated. Congress is expected to take up this measure in the near future. Local and national groups, including the Wyoming Library Association, will be watching this legislation as it progresses and issuing calls for advocates to tell the story of libraries and their importance.
WYOMING AUTHORS WIKI TO CLOSE

The Wyoming Authors Wiki, a clearinghouse of information about authors who live, or have lived in, Wyoming is shutting down April 30. On that date, the site will be taken down. The final data will be downloaded and available upon request. Questions may be directed to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or 307-777-5915.

Patents & Trademarks

JOIN US FOR TRADEMARK TUESDAY AT THE STATE LIBRARY

The Rocky Mountain Regional U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in collaboration with the Wyoming State Library and other partners, will host an interactive session with the USPTO’s Trademark Assistance Center (TAC). During this virtual program, TAC experts will provide an overview of various aspects of the trademark registration process and answer questions. To get the most out of this event, view the USPTO’S informational videos regarding trademark registration before the session and prepare questions.

Register here to join us at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave. in Cheyenne, for this free and informative session on Tuesday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MDT. Please bring your own lunch to enjoy during the session. Space is limited.

CELEBRATE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY APRIL 26

Celebrate World Intellectual Property Day on Thursday, April 26. This year’s campaign, “Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity,” celebrates the brilliance, ingenuity, curiosity, and courage of the women who are driving change in our world and shaping our common future. (Twitter hashtag #worldipday.)

Interested in the innovative women of Wyoming? Download and view the full list of Wyoming Women Inventors from 1890 to 2017 and peruse the Wyoming Inventors Database in the WSL’s Patent and Trademarks Resource Center.
**Around the State**

**NATRONA COUNTY LIBRARY TAKES SERVICES ON THE ROAD**

*By Lisa Scroggins, Natrona County Library Executive Director*

*Excerpted from the NCL blog*

In today’s library world, it is important for libraries to embrace delivering services to the public outside the constraints of their brick and mortar facilities. At the Natrona County Library, we do just that, and often take some of our most popular services “on the road.”

Without a doubt, our most commonly known “on the road” library service is our Bookmobile. Our Bookmobile Coordinator works with daycares, preschools, elementary schools, and senior resident facilities to schedule stops, and makes many community stops as well. The Bookmobile is a convenient place for users to check out and return books, movies, and other items. At most stops there is a StoryTime for kids.

Also venturing out into the community is our Youth Services staff, who interact with elementary-aged children at schools, clubs, and local events. Our Teen Librarian can be seen hosting several different book clubs at various local coffee shops, and presents book talks and programs at junior high and high schools, as well as programs aimed at teaching parenting skills while offering support and reference materials to help put teen parents on a path toward success.

Our newest “on the road” service comes from Adult Services. Books on Tap is an adults only (21+) twist to a traditional book club which will have participants discuss a selected reading while enjoying a laid-back environment at the Frontier Brewing Company and Tap, The Gaslight Social, or Backwards Distilling Company.

We host many hands-on crafting opportunities during the Art Walk, typically outside on Prometheus Plaza near our Second Street entrance. We also host virtual reality events both in the Library and throughout the community.

When it comes to taking library services into the community, we are always on the lookout for new and creative ways to serve and engage our patrons. Be on the lookout for us—you never know where we will pop up!
Wyoming Library Association

WLA AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Wyoming Library Association’s Awards and Grants Committee is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Hero/Heroine Award, Outstanding Librarian, and Outstanding Library awards. Deadline to nominate a deserving person or library is June 16. More information, including full award descriptions and nomination instructions, may be found on the WLA website. Questions may be directed to committee chair Jeff Collins, JCollins@lclsonline.org or (307) 773-7220.

School Libraries

UPCOMING WEBINAR: IN-DEPTH WITH THE NEW AASL STANDARDS PART IV

Join Jennisen Lucas, Wyoming School Librarian and American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Affiliate for the fourth part of her in-depth tour of the new AASL school library standards on the Shared Foundation, “Curate.” This free webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at 3:30 p.m. MDT. Register now. The other installments may be found in our YouTube AASL Standards Playlist.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH RESOURCES

Among April’s many celebrations is National Poetry Month. If you’re looking for resources to use with students or patrons, consider ProQuest Learning: Literature, a literature database specifically for K-12 students available in GoWYLD.net. Find authors, criticism, study guides, multimedia, and more. See more Poetry Month resources on our blog, and download the PDF poster.

A DECADE OF STUDIES REVIEWED IN SCHOOL LIBRARY RESEARCH

Volume 21 of School Library Research (SLR), the American Association of School Librarians’ (AASL) peer-reviewed online journal, opens with a new article, “Still Polishing the Diamond: School Library Research over the Last Decade,” providing a review of a decade’s worth of studies in school librarianship. SLR promotes and publishes high-quality original research concerning the management, implementation, and evaluation of school library programs.
Academic Libraries

CASPER COLLEGE LIBRARY BRINGS KIDS AND SHELTER DOGS TOGETHER

Tales with Tails, a reading literacy program in Casper, brings animal shelter dogs and young readers together. The Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library collaborated with the college’s Student Financial Aid and the Casper Humane Society to make it happen. The pilot program ran March 27-29, and the plan is to make this a recurring event.

By reading to shelter animals, students gain confidence in their reading abilities, and shelter animals become more adoptable as they are socialized with the students. Research shows that over time, students participating in similar programs can improve academic engagement.

Casper College has been able to provide another work study position by sponsoring this pilot program, and also is able to use more federal funds to help other Casper College students. In the development of this program they’ve created service learning opportunities for students.

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Trustees & Foundations

OCLC STUDY REVEALS VOTER PERCEPTIONS OF LIBRARIES

From the Idaho Commission for Libraries

OCLC, in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) and its Public Library Association (PLA) division, has issued an updated edition of From Awareness to Funding: A Study of Library Support in America, a national study of the awareness, attitudes, and underlying motivations among US voters for supporting library funding. Key findings include:

- A majority of U.S. voters believe public libraries are essential to communities and a source of civic pride.
- Voters still highly value traditional library services such as free access to books and quiet areas, but also increasingly value the library as a community hub.
- Although a majority of voters are likely to support library funding at the local ballot box, fewer are committed to definite support than a decade ago.
- A majority of voters still do not realize that the primary source of library funding is local.

A freely available archived webinar from WebJunction, “Voter Perceptions of Libraries: Getting From Awareness to Funding in 2018,” discusses the findings further.

Special Libraries

SHRAB OFFERS INTRODUCTION TO ARCHIVESSPACE WORKSHOP

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB), with funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, is sponsoring an introductory workshop on ArchivesSpace on Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room at the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Ave. in Cheyenne.

The workshop is free, but the number of attendees is limited. To register, contact Cindy Brown at the Wyoming State Archives at cindy.brown@wyo.gov or (307) 777-7036.

ArchivesSpace is a widely-used open source web application for managing archives information.
The application integrated Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon. This workshop will provide information on how ArchivesSpace may be used as a collection management tool and for online finding aid development.

**Government Documents**

**CRS REPORTS IN SCOPE OF THE FDLP**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 includes a provision, “Equal Access to Congressional Research Service Reports,” that directs the Congressional Research Service (CRS) to make non-confidential CRS Reports freely-available to the public. Historically, distribution of CRS Reports was limited to Members of Congress.

**2016 END OF TERM PRESIDENTIAL WEB ARCHIVE NOW AVAILABLE**

Between fall 2016 and spring 2017, End of Term (EOT) Web Archive partners conducted outreach and archiving efforts to preserve and document the U.S. Government web presence at the end of the Obama Presidential term. Access to this content is available through the EOT Web Archive, which contains over 50,000 records available for searching and browsing, or through the Internet Archive Collection.

**Databases & Electronic Resources**

**FEATURED GOWYLD RESOURCE: SHAKESPEARE’S BIRTHDAY**

While William Shakespeare’s date of birth remains a subject of debate, April 23rd is the day traditionally observed as his birthday. Find the Bard in this month’s featured GoWYLD resource, ProQuest Literature Online (LION), where you can view texts by Shakespeare, access journal articles and other references about the author, and listen to fully dramatized, unabridged audio recordings of each of Shakespeare’s 38 plays.

- Shakespeare’s birthday resources
- Mini-marketing kit
- Database of the Month webinar: Finding the Bard in GoWYLD – LION
Take a tour with Chris Van Burgh in the webinar and use the resources to promote this great GoWyLD.net tool to your patrons.

People News

FOUR FROM WYOMING SELECTED FOR MPLA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Four people from the Wyoming library community have been chosen for the 2018 Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute that will take place April 29 through May 4. MPLA is a 12-state association of librarians, library paraprofessionals and friends of libraries. Its purpose is to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities. Wyoming members of the 2018 MPLA Leadership Institute cohort are:

- **Cynthia Hughes**, Metadata Librarian at the University of Wyoming
- **Kate Mutch**, Assistant Director of the Natrona County Library
- **Sarah E. North**, Assistant Library Director of the Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library
- **Ruth Troyanek**, Director of Albany County Public Library in Laramie

Read more about the Wyoming participants and those from the rest of the MPLA region.

PARKINS A NATIONAL LEADER IN LIBRARY OUTREACH SERVICES

Susan Parkins, Laramie County Library System Senior Outreach Specialist, is often spotted behind the wheel of the LCLS bookmobile. She’s been an advocate for outreach services in Wyoming through activities including discussion roundtables and presentations at the Wyoming Library Association’s annual conference. Susan is a leader at the national level, too, as Vice President/President-Elect for the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS).

“What I love about my job is having the opportunity to take library services outside of
library walls to those who do not have access, for whatever reason, to a brick and mortar building,” she said.

Susan began her library career in May 1989, starting in circulation and moving into children’s services. In 2001 she became the Outreach Specialist, responsible for the bookmobile and homebound services as well as still working in the main library in children’s services. She received her ALA LSSC (Library Support Staff Certification) in 2014 and was a 2004 recipient, along with Judy Norris, of the Wyoming Library Association’s Milstead Award.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

**Cindy Kellogg** received the University of Wyoming Unsung Hero Award that honors UW staff members for outstanding duties performed. As a library specialist in the UW Libraries digital collections office, Cindy supervises student workers in scanning digital projects and responds to questions from students and faculty.

**Jes Renz** has been named the new Assistant Director at Converse County Library. Previously, she served as the library’s business manager. Her background is in human resources, personnel management, and finance, and she is a journalist with the Wyoming Air National Guard.

**Terri Perry** has joined Converse County Library as the Children’s Services Manager in Douglas. Previously, she was a Senior District Executive for seven years with the Boy Scouts of America in Michigan. Her bachelor’s degree is in elementary education from Central Michigan University, and she has led children’s programming in several venues.

**Heidi Hobson** is the new Teen Lead Librarian at the Riverton Branch Library, part of Fremont County Library System. Heidi is from the Denver area, and worked at Jefferson County Public Library as well as spending two years as a reading interventionist and one as a math interventionist in low income schools.

Fremont County Library System also has two new employees at the Lander Library. **Ami Vincent** is Library Assistant II in Adult Services and **Heather Walker** is a Library Aide.

Youth Services

**REGISTER NOW FOR WLA YOUTH SERVICES MAY 4 SPRING MEETING**

The Wyoming Library Association Youth Services Interest Group (YSIG) is holding its spring meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 4 at the Albany County Public Library. Registration is $20 on the WLA website.

Two of our Wyoming State Library Staff, Paige Bredenkamp and Chris Van Burgh, will be there
as speakers. Paige will present information she gained at the YALSA forum regarding teen services competencies, the paradigm shift in teen services, and getting admin/community buy-in. Chris will share information about the WYLD databases, specifically literature, summer reading, and what GoWYLD can do for you.

**WLA BOOK AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

The Wyoming Library Association has announced the winners of its annual book awards. The 2018 Buckaroo Book Award (grades K-3) winner is *A Perfectly Messed-Up Story* by Patrick McDonnell. First runner-up was *Coyote Moon* by Maria Gianferrari. Second runner-up is *The Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale.

The 2018 Indian Paintbrush Book Award (grades 4-6) winner is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. First runner up is *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker, and second runner up is *Wish* by Barbara O’Connor. The 2018 Soaring Eagle Book Award (grades 7-12) winner is *The Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. First runner up is *The Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse, and second runner up is *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt.

Sponsored by the WLA and the Wyoming State Reading Council, these awards provide the opportunity for Wyoming youth to select a favorite book and honor its author. Thousands of students voted, thanks to the school and public libraries who participated and encouraged kids to read the nominees.

**2018 TEEN READ WEEK™ THEME: "IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS...READ!"**

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), will feature “It’s Written in the Stars...READ” as the theme for this year’s Teen Read Week celebration, which will take place October 7-13.

Library staff, afterschool providers, and educators can use this theme to encourage teens to think and read outside of the box, as well as seek out fantasy, science fiction, and other out-of-this-world reads.
**Professional Development**

**APPLY NOW FOR THIRD AND FINAL FUTURE READY COHORT**

Applications are being accepted for the third and final cohort of the Future Ready with the Library Project. Deadline to apply is May 15. See the [FAQ](#) and [application](#). An informational webinar for interested applicants is scheduled for May 1 at 5:00 p.m. Mountain—[register for the webinar online](#). This project supports small, rural and tribal libraries, including school libraries, as they provide college and career readiness (CCR) services for and with the middle schoolers in their communities.

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YALSA SYMPOSIUM IN SLC**

Registration is now open for the [2018 YALSA Symposium](#), which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from November 2-4. Programs will cover the entire spectrum of topics related to providing services for and with young adults.

**RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS**

Early bird registration has opened for the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)](#).

**2018 annual conference** that will be held September 13-15 at the Bank of Springfield Center in historic Springfield, IL. Some [conference scholarships](#) are available.

**NEED HELP WITH CONFERENCE FEES?**

Those in Wyoming libraries who are thinking of going to YALSA or ARSL or any other library training or professional development event, but could use a little financial assistance to make it happen, should be sure to look into the [Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants](#) for continuing education and the [Nora Van Burgh Development Grants](#).

**Grant Opportunities**

**Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions (NEH)**

**DEADLINE: May 1, 2018**

Preservation Assistance Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities provide up to $7,000 to help to small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for significant humanities collections – such as collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.
Judith Krug Fund Banned Books Week Event Grant
DEADLINE: May 11, 2018
Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation awards grants to libraries, schools, and universities to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship during the annual Banned Books Week celebration. Grants are awarded at two levels: $1,000 and $2,500. Grant recipients will also receive an ALA 2018 Banned Books Week PromoKit.

Nora Van Burgh Development Grant
DEADLINE: June 15
Provides funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience. Non-degreed library employees are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants must have been a member of the Wyoming Library Association for two (2) years, be a resident of Wyoming, and be employed in a Wyoming library.

Wyoming Humanities Council Major Grants
DEADLINE: July 1, 2018
Funding for larger humanities projects between $2,001 and $10,000. All approved projects must contain a central focus on the humanities and use of the humanities as a tool to explore the central theme. Projects must contain public components and be matched at least 1:1 with non-Federal dollars.

Local Government Energy Audit/Retrofit Grants
DEADLINE: August 31, 2018
The Wyoming Business Council has grants available to towns, cities and counties for energy-efficiency improvements and retrofits. Applicants must sign up for the Wyoming Energy Conservation Improvement Program by June 30 to receive a free energy assessment. The assessment must be completed before submitting an application. All grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2019.

Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program
DEADLINE: Ongoing
The D.U.C. Library Program has thousands of free art books available for distribution to public and school libraries who define their communities as underserved. Participating libraries may order books from the D.U.C. catalog once annually. Branch libraries may participate independently or through their main library. All items received from the D.U.C. must be cataloged in the library’s holdings and made available to all patrons.

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Events

CELEBRATE FOOD AND COOKING DURING PRESERVATION WEEK

This year’s Preservation Week takes place April 22-28 with the theme of cooking and community archiving. This celebration is a time when librarians and library workers share their expertise about preserving family heirlooms and treasures, connect library users with preservation tools, promote the importance of preservation, and strive to enhance knowledge of preservation issues. Use hashtag #preswk on social media.

National News

NEW REPORT AFFIRMS INVALUABLE ROLE OF OUR NATION’S LIBRARIES

The American Library Association (ALA) has released its 2018 State of America’s Libraries report, an annual summary of library trends that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries.

During this time of rapid social change, libraries of all types are providing welcoming spaces to an increasingly diverse population; working with the community to offer social service support and health resources, career and small business development assistance; and combating fake news by providing tools to assess and evaluate news sources. The function of libraries as community centers is also readily recognized.

Libraries continue to face challenges that carry with them the potential for censorship. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) tracked 354 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2017.

ASCLA MAKES LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY TOOLKITS AVAILABLE

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association, has Library Accessibility Toolkits available to help library professionals understand the challenges and opportunities presented by issues of equitable access for library users. These issues include:

1. users with mental health issues,
2. users with learning and/or attention issues,
3. users with developmental disabilities,
4. users with sensory disabilities,
5. users with service animals,
6. users who need assistive technology, and
7. users with physical disabilities.

Each guide provides an overview, recommended hardware and software solutions, tips and resources to guide library professionals in providing great library experiences for everyone.
Book Reviews

Whistle Creek and other Wyoming Tales
Written and illustrated by June Willson Read

Whistle Creek and other Wyoming Tales is a treasure. Clean prose, fresh tales and best of all, Read’s authentic voice make for a pleasant read. The perfect cadence of her dialogue, turns of phrase, and judicious use of slang lets my inner editor relax and enjoy. The illustrations are charming. Read’s characters narrate from different vantages and times. I liked “The Little People,” though the love story at the end is poignant. The “Blue Bordello” tale inspired me to check out Read’s The Life of Dell Burke, Lady of Lusk. Read’s childhood, spent along on her family’s ranch along the Niobrara River, granted her with the insights of a native daughter. She adheres to the cardinal rule of story-telling around here, “It’s a Wyoming story—don’t ruin it with the truth.” I want to sit around the campfire and swap tales with June Willson Read.

Virginia Livingston, Publicist
Park County Library

Too Young for the Times
By George Trojan
North Charleston, SC: Createspace, 2017

Too Young for the Times, George Trojan’s memoir, is an absorbing read. Written when Trojan turned 90, it recounts his adolescence in Lwow Poland during World War II. During the Russian occupation Trojan lost his father and watched while his brother and brother-in-law worked with the underground to free their country, eventually joining the underground network himself. Trojan shares his thoughts and feelings during this time with the reader. Concealing nothing, Trojan describes the scenes of deprivation and destruction that would forever imprint themselves on him. With Germany moving in to take Russia’s place things settled down temporarily, but when Trojan was 16 years old he was caught in a dragnet and conscripted into the Luftwaffe. It would be over a year before Trojan could escape and find freedom with the American Army. Drafted in Trojan’s unique parlance, he takes the reader through every leg of his journey, and into his confidence. Too Young for the Times would be a welcome addition to any Wyoming library.

Melanie Tibbetts, Adult Services Specialist
Natrona County Library