$2.5 Million Gift Benefits UW Libraries

Read more on UW News

A $2.5 million gift from two University of Wyoming alumni, Carol McMurry and her husband Pat Spieles, will create two programs: a campus reading program and a librarian position to work closely with the UW Honors College.

The Endowed Librarian for Academic Excellence position will serve as a liaison between the Honors College and UW Libraries, as well as overseeing the UW Reads campus reading program. UW Reads aims to broaden the shared understanding of the world through the joys of a good book. This program is based on the principle that larger conversations about shared ideas can transform communities.

The Endowed Librarian position will support the mission and programming of UW’s newly established Honors College, as well as scholarship and student excellence in general. This person will serve as the main point of contact for Honors College students and faculty for library services and resources.

He or she will also promote collaborations with the Wyoming State Library, community college libraries, and statewide public libraries.
Academic Libraries

RENOVATED LCCC LIBRARY REOPENS

Laramie County Community College’s Ludden Library recently reopened after a $6.2 million expansion. The project was funded with $2.6 million from the LCCC Foundation and $2.5 million from the Wyoming State Legislature, with the balance coming from a mill levy and major maintenance funds.

“Traffic has been huge,” said Library Director Maura Hadaway. “The feedback from our patrons is amazing. The ones who saw it before the renovation were just floored. There’s a feeling that the library is a space for everyone now.”

The library has a redesigned learning commons, two large conference/instructional rooms, an innovation lab, and even a family study room, complete with toys and coloring books, so that students with children can work and study on the two desktop computers.

Maura was especially proud of how well the renovated facility is tailor-made to serve its community. “We did a survey of student needs and asked them what barriers kept them from using our resources,” she said. “We really tried to address those in the renovation. The family study room, more quiet space, more group study space, more technology options — all those were things our students asked for and we were able to deliver.”

The Ludden Library will hold its official Grand Re-Opening at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25. Library benefactors Randy and Yvonne Ludden are expected to travel from Texas to join the celebration. The entire community is invited to attend to see this beautiful new space.

Student tutor Haley Simpson, right, helps Amani Kibinda, center, and Gabriella Nunez, left, study for Anatomy class in the Ludden Library. Michael Smith/LCCC
WSL News

COSUGI SESSION FEATURES WSL’S ANALYTICS TRAINING

Katie Rahman, Systems Librarian in the Wyoming State Library’s WYLD Office, presented, “Using Webinars as a Tool for BLUEcloud Analytics Training” at the Customers of SirsiDynix Users Group (COSUGI) national conference in late March in Minneapolis.

The program was Katie’s first experience as a presenter at COSUGI, and she found many there were interested in the topic.

Over the course of 2017 and 2018, all libraries in the WYLD network needed to transition to a next generation program for data analysis and reporting, called BLUEcloud Analytics. The WYLD consortium has more than 100 libraries, making it difficult to reach everyone who needed to learn Analytics. The WYLD office turned to webinars.

“Webinsars are a good alternative for large states to reach a lot of people without having to have a lot of travel expense and time,” Katie said. “It helps with scheduling, too. With webinars, we can schedule two or three sessions at different times to make sure everyone can attend and provide recorded versions for access at any time.”

Katie also presented a 10-minute “lightning round” on BLUEcloud Analytics with other attendees at the conference. Desiree Saunders, WYLD Program Manager, participated in a “Succession Planning” panel with librarians from California and Texas. Also attending COSUGI were Bobbi Thorpe from the WYLD Office and Kate Mutch from Natrona County Public Library as WYLD Network representative.

REGISTER NOW FOR WYLD ANNUAL

The WYLD Network Annual meeting will be held May 16-17 at Central Wyoming College in Riverton, and registration is now open. As in past years, there will be a general session on Thursday morning, followed by breakout training sessions in the afternoon. The WYLD Network business meeting will be on Friday morning. For those not attending the business meeting, there will be an opportunity to ask WYLD office staff anything during the traditional “Ask WYLD” session. Registration fee is $20 per person.
FEDERAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION WOULD ELIMINATE IMLS

President Trump’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget recommendation, “A Budget for a Better America,” once again proposes to eliminate funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. While this is the third year that the President’s budget recommendation has proposed eliminating IMLS, Congress has actually increased funding for the agency over that time period. The American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, and other organizations are closely monitoring this situation.

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. In past years, Wyoming has received approximately $900,000 annually in support of these projects that help improve library services for every resident of Wyoming, down to those in the smallest communities. The State Library administers IMLS funding for Wyoming.

WYOMING IN POETRY: AGNES M. WERGELAND

April is National Poetry Month, so we’re featuring Wyoming’s own Agnes M. Wergeland (1857 – 1914), a Norwegian-American poet and the first woman to receive a PhD in Norway. In the 1890s, Dr. Wergeland moved to Laramie to teach history and Spanish at the University of Wyoming. She met Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Wyoming historian and the first librarian of the University of Wyoming library, and the two built a house in town affectionately known as “Doctor’s Inn.”

Wergeland wrote poetry strictly in Norwegian. Amerika, og Andre Digte, Wergeland’s first collection of poetry, was published during her lifetime. Hebard published a second volume, Efterladte Digte, in 1914.

On March 11, 1914, the Wyoming Student reported “a large attendance of friends and the whole student body and the members of the Faculty” at her funeral, since she had been a prominent pillar of the University and the community of Laramie. You can find issues of the Wyoming Student from 1912 to 1920 in Wyoming Newspapers.
Databases & Electronic Resources

BIG NEWS FOR RBDIGITAL AND CLOUDLIBRARY E-CONTENT

There’s big news in GoWYLD e-content. The Wyoming State Library has launched the RBDigital Unlimited subscription service that will increase the unlimited, simultaneous access titles from approximately 8,000 to 28,000. All content from the RBDigital family of imprints, including all Recorded Books titles that are one year or older, and all titles from Gildan, Christian Audio, Tantor Media, and others will be available in this unlimited collection.

Thanks to the contributions of many libraries, the WSL will continue to purchase single user titles from publishers like Blackstone, Simon & Schuster Audio, Macmillan, Books on Tape, and Recorded Books within the embargo period. In total, nearly 31,000 titles are now available. Find marketing materials for the rollout.

For Cloudlibrary, the mobile app had a major new redesign in April. In addition to improvements in navigation, there are new features such as push notifications for holds, the ability to tap an author or series name and search for more books by that author or in the series, and a completely new browse interface. Users will not have to install an update or log back in to the app; the update is automatically pushed out.

FEATURED IN GOWYLD FOR APRIL:
SPRING MEANS BASEBALL!

Baseball season is here — with opening day earlier than any season before — and we’ve got you covered. Check out these resources to celebrate the arrival of spring and America’s favorite pastime. Libraries should have received their mini-marketing kit by email to promote this resource to patrons. If you would like to be either added to or removed from our monthly email list for the mini-marketing kits, contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915.

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: FINDING FAMILY IN WYOMING NEWSPAPERS

Finding Family in Wyoming Newspapers
Join Chris Van Burgh for an exploration of Wyoming Newspapers (1849-1922) and how you can use them to find bits and pieces about your relatives’ time in Wyoming. Did they own a business? Play bridge? Serve in the war? So much to find! March 2019; 25 minutes.
Around the State

LIBRARY HISTORY IN NEWSPAPERS: ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING

Here’s a bit of Wyoming library history from Wyoming Newspapers. On February 27, 1903, the Laramie Boomerang reported on the events of a mass meeting the evening prior. The topic of the hour? Whether or not to accept Andrew Carnegie’s generous offer to build a county library.

The Boomerang reported, “Whereas, Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate to Albany county the sum of $20,000, for the purpose of building a public library building in Laramie, on condition that the citizens of said county donated a suitable site for such building and contribute each year for the maintenance and support of said library, the sum of $2,000... The Rev. Mr. Hogbin said that he thought there was really no dispute upon the subject. He had talked to a great many people and they all spoke favorably to the acceptance of the offer.” In addition, “The University was looking forward to the library and reading room and possibly a room where games could be played, as a place which would counteract the bad influences on some other places upon the students.”

There was a nearly unanimous decision to accept the $20,000 donation, a sum equivalent to over half a million dollars today, and the Albany County Carnegie Library was given to the people in January of 1906. The current Albany County Public Library opened in 1981.

School Libraries

TWO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The third annual Wyoming Innovations in Learning conference, set for November 6-8, 2019 in Gillette, seeks presenters from all fields who wish to contribute their innovative ideas and experiences to inspire educators and bring best teaching practices to K-20 learning. Session proposals will be accepted through May 3, 2019. For more information,
contact Wyoming State Library School Library Consultant Paige Bredenkamp at (307) 777-6331 or paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov, or contact Robin Grandpre at robin.grandpre1@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5315.

The University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic’s (LRCC) Fall Literacy Conference for teachers around the state, “Equity and Literacy Instruction” will take place September 20-21, 2019, at UW in Laramie. A call for proposals to present at the conference is open until May 1; applicants will be notified by June 5. Concurrent sessions will be 50 minutes in length and should be interactive in nature. Topics should focus on literacy instruction that promotes equity. The primary audience is K-12 teachers.

INNOVATIONS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

From the Big Deal Media K-12 Technology newsletter.

Inspirational Stories from Female Role Models in STEM Fields
Women@NASA features short films that explore the careers and backgrounds of career women who work for NASA in each of the STEM areas.

Teaching Tools for Celebrating Women’s History
NewseumED offers free online resources to explore the history and struggles of the suffrage movement. The standards-aligned lessons and activities support historical connections, media literacy, and civics and citizenship.

Initiative Connecting Natural World and STEM
The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) provides an extensive Green STEM Guidebook, full of inspiration, information, and lesson plans to inspire teachers to join NWF’s Eco-Schools USA and Schoolyards Habitats Pathways programs.

Curriculum Connecting Science to Language Arts
NGSS-aligned curriculum units for K–3 students that connect science concepts and guided inquiry activities to reading/language arts, as well as health and wellness.

Curriculum Traces Struggle for Women’s Equality
The Bill of Rights Institute has launched “Votes for Women: The Story of the Nineteenth Amendment,” telling the story of the fight for women’s equality, women’s right to vote, and the struggle, sacrifice, and hardship involved.

Student-Led Organization Focusing on Violence Prevention (SAVE)
Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Clubs are a place for young people across the country to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their communities from violence before it happens.
Youth Services

**Youth Services Librarians and NASA@MyLibrary**

Wyoming Youth Services librarians gathered in Laramie on March 28-29 for their annual spring meeting and to participate in a NASA@MyLibrary workshop.

The workshop, sponsored by the Wyoming State Library, provided training in hands-on activities that can be used with patrons such as “Jump to Jupiter” and “Let’s Make a Supernova.” The workshop ties in nicely with this year’s summer reading program theme, “A Universe of Stories.”

Participants in the workshop also learned about the [STAR Library Network](https://starlibrarynetwork.org) (STAR Net) where more activities and information for library programs are available.

Intellectual Freedom

**A Book Challenge in Park County**

Jennisen Lucas, District Librarian for Park County School District 6, found herself in the middle of a challenge to the book *A Bad Boy Can be Good for a Girl* by Tanya Lee Stone.

“Censorship. It’s a word that causes many a librarian’s blood to boil,” Jennisen writes. “It’s a hot topic because we have strong beliefs that no one should interrupt our rights to access information and stories. It’s a First Amendment issue. However, we also fiercely want to protect our children. And censorship tends to call these two beliefs into conflict. This conflict came forward in force last year in Cody, Wyoming.”

The controversy led to substantive discussions on policy and selection criteria. [Read what happened](https://library.wyo.gov/blog) on the WSL blog.

**The Year’s Most Challenged Books**

Traditionally the ALA releases a [Top Ten Most Challenged Books](https://www.ala.org/office-for-information-privacy/challenges/top-10-most-challenged-books) list within the [State of America’s Libraries 2019](https://www.ala.org/office-for-information-privacy/state-americas-libraries) report. For 2018, 11 books were selected, since two titles were tied for
the final position on the list, and both books were burned by an activist to protest a Pride event. In 2018, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) tracked 347 challenges to library, school and university materials and services. Overall, 483 books were challenged or banned in 2018.

Topping the list was *George* by Alex Gino for including a transgender character. It was followed by *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Jill Twiss, illustrated by E.G. Keller for LGBTQIA+ content, political and religious viewpoints, and the *Captain Underpants* series, written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey, for including a same-sex couple and for encouraging disruptive behavior.

**Patents & Trademarks**

![An image from U.S. Patent 6,458,049, issued to Wyoming inventor James R. Bush.](image)

**WYOMING’S ‘MARCH MADNESS’**

The concept of a national tournament in college basketball is older than the term “March Madness” itself, but did you know the NCAA holds more than two dozen trademarks relating to March Madness, including a trademark on the word dribble? The NCAA does not, however, hold a trademark on the jump shot, which is rooted in Wyoming’s own history. Famed University of Wyoming Cowboys basketball player Kenny Sailors (1921 – 2016) was credited with inventing the shot.

Sailors wasn’t the only innovator in our state contributing to the sport of basketball. Wyoming inventor James R. Bush from Hulett submitted

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a patent for a basketball shooting apparatus in 2001. The device is described as having been created to assist players in solo practice, with the aim of returning the ball to the shooter for a more efficient use of time and energy.

Do you have the next game-changing idea and don’t know where to start? Contact Wyoming State Library’s Patent & Trademark Resource Center for more information regarding trademarks and patents.

People News

Megan Bratton, Natrona County Library’s newest Youth Services Specialist, recently moved to Wyoming from Denver, Colorado. Before working at the library, Megan worked in tech and marketing. She earned her Master of Library Science from the University of Denver.

Teri Wiblemo is leaving the Riverton Branch Library to join the creative team at County 10 News. She worked as the Adult Lead Librarian for the library and was the marketing and public relations go-to person.

After 22 years, Janet Maez is retiring from the Sweetwater County Library System. She began as a substitute librarian before transferring to a circulation position at the White Mountain Library. Several years ago she moved into Technical Services where she assisted with processing, acquisitions, and cataloging.

Kristi Wallin has been selected as the new Laramie County Library Foundation Director. She worked for the University of Wyoming Foundation nearly a dozen years, serving as the Annual Fund Director and as a College Development Officer. She has worked for three Wyoming U.S. Senators, and most recently, she worked on Governor Mark Gordon’s campaign and 2019 inauguration.

Judy Armstrong, will retire in June after 25 years at the Sheridan County Public Library System, 21 of which as the Outreach Department/Homebound Services Manager. She also works in the Wyoming Room. She began as an intern, and worked as clerk/shelver before moving into her current position.

Jessica Cosgrove is the new Office Support Specialist at the Wyoming State Archives. Jessica will split her time between the reading room, providing reference to the public and working on guides and social media, and scanning state documents. Jessica received her Master of Library and Information Science from Simmons College in 2017.

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.
Wyoming Library Association

NOMINATE A DESERVING COLLEAGUE OR LIBRARY FOR A WLA AWARD

The Awards/Grants Committee of the Wyoming Library Association is accepting nominations from WLA members for its annual awards that honor individuals and organizations for their contributions to libraries and librarianship. Read the full award descriptions and submit nominations through May 31, 2019:

**Outstanding Hero/Heroine:** recognizes an outstanding person or group whose hard work has made a difference to a Wyoming library within the last two years.

**Outstanding Librarian:** recognizes the significant and outstanding accomplishments of a library employee in the past year, including service to the public and/or library community.

**Outstanding Library:** recognizes a significant special project completed within the last two years.

In addition, WLA has available Nora Van Burgh Development Grants to provide funding assistance to those who would like to pursue additional educational experience. Learn more and apply by June 15, 2019.

THE WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION THEN AND NOW

An October 8, 1914 article published in Laramie’s *Weekly Boomerang* (found in [Wyoming Newspapers](https://www.wyoming.gov/wyomingnewspapers)) attributes creation of the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) to Basin librarian Agnes K. Snow. The formation of the association “will tend to increase the usefulness of the county and other libraries in the state and to secure needed legislation, as well as helping librarians in their work.” Read more details about WLA’s history on the WSL blog.

Today, the WLA provides support for libraries and library staff in the Wyoming library community. According to its mission, the WLA provides leadership, advocates for advancement of Wyoming libraries, educates the library community and users about contemporary library services, issues, and technology, provides members with a network for interaction on professional and social levels, and promotes the profession of librarianship and participation of Wyoming libraries in regional, national, and global library arenas. The WLA also organizes and hosts the annual Wyoming Library Association Conference benefiting library staff and library communities around the state by encouraging minds to connect and share.
2019 BOOK AWARD WINNERS NAMED

The Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Literacy Association jointly sponsor three awards: the Buckaroo Book Award for children in grades K-3, the Indian Paintbrush Book Award for children in grades 4-6, and the Soaring Eagle Book Award for youth in grades 7-12.

Buckaroo Book Awards
• Winner: Rock, Paper, Scissors by Drew Daywalt
• First Runner-Up: Narwhal, Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton
• Second Runner-Up: The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton

Indian Paintbrush Awards
• Winner: The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
• First runner up: Restart by Gordon Korman
• Second runner up: Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Soaring Eagle Awards
• Winner: Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
• First Runner-Up: Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz
• Second Runner-Up: Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake

These awards provide an opportunity for the youth of Wyoming to read and select favorite books and to honor the authors of those books.

Training

ONLINE TRAINING ‘AT YOUR LEISURE’

In addition to the live webinars in our training calendar, each month we try to pick some videos that you can watch “At Your Leisure.” We hope you enjoy these training sessions that caught our attention for April:

• Trustee Trouble 6 (Wyoming State Library)
• Using Statistical Data to Support Your School Library (Wyoming State Library)
• Laying Out the Welcome Mat: Asset Mapping to Better Serve the Immigrant Community (WebJunction and TechSoup)
• 10 Secret Tips To Support Youth Services (iSchool @ UW-Madison)
• The Career Advice You Probably Didn’t Get (TED Talk)

Grants & Awards

Judith Krug Fund Banned Books Week Event Grants
DEADLINE: April 30, 2019
Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation awards grants of $1,000 or $2,500 to libraries, schools, and universities to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship during Banned Books Week, set for September 22-28 this year.
Carol McMurry Library Endowment
Individual Grants for Continuing Education
DEADLINE: May 31, 2019
Grants are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries for continuing education. Applications are accepted six times during the year.

Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board Grants
DEADLINE: June 1, 2019
Does your library, historical society, or museum have historical photographs, documents, or audio-visual media that you’d like to share with the world? Grants of up to $2,500 are available for projects promoting preservation of and access to Wyoming’s historical records. Contact Kathy Marquis with any questions at (307) 777-8691 or kathy.marquis@wyo.gov.

Nora Van Burgh Development Grants
DEADLINE: June 15, 2019
Nora Van Burgh had a lengthy and distinguished career in Wyoming libraries. The Wyoming Library Association’s Nora Van Burgh Development Grants honor her memory. These grants provide funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience. Non-degreed library employees, a majority of the WLA membership, are particularly encouraged to apply, though any current member of WLA may apply.

Wyoming Business Council Energy and Efficiency Conservation Grants
DEADLINE: July 31, 2019
The Wyoming Business Council’s State Energy Office will have competitive federal grant funds available for Wyoming local governments, public schools, and small businesses seeking to improve their buildings while reducing utility costs. Local governments must sign up for the Wyoming Energy Conservation Improvement Program by May 31, 2019, to receive a free energy assessment. The assessment must be completed before applying.

Job Opportunities

Wyoming State Archivist
Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne
The Wyoming State Archives is seeking a motivated candidate to guide the agency into the next decade. The Archives’ strengths include 15 FTE staff, a digital repository in place for over five years, a records management program using a functional approach to records scheduling, a robust scanning program, strong collections documenting state and local government, as well as a small but rich manuscript collection.

Multiple positions are open at University of Wyoming Libraries in Laramie.

See more current Wyoming library job postings at library.wyo.gov/news/jobs.
News in Brief

State of America’s Libraries 2019
To kick off National Library Week earlier this month, the American Library Association (ALA) released its *State of America’s Libraries 2019* report, an annual summary of library trends that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries. The report found that library workers are on the frontlines addressing community challenges. Many serve as first responders who take on roles outside of traditional library service that support patrons’ needs and community development. Read the full report for more library trends.

Make 2019 a ‘Summer Of Space’
The STAR Library Network has a Summer of Space/A Universe of Stories resource webpage for public libraries across the country. This resource was created in partnership with Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), and NASA. From exciting events like CSLPs “A Universe of Stories,” to electrifying activities, and unparalleled resources, STAR Net’s Summer of Space resources will pave the way for your patrons to experience a space-themed, hands-on STEM program that is “out of this world.”

Evaluating Your Library’s Programming
What was your best-attended program last year? The one that created the most buzz? How do you evaluate a “successful” program? Shauna Swantek, Head of Public Services at the Marshall District Library offered a series of reflection questions in the Library of Michigan’s Dispatch Newsletter. Answer them on your own or with your team to evaluate current programs, develop new or expanded offerings, and make the most of your staff and resources.

Take Flight with These Summer Reading Program Ideas
If your public library is still gathering ideas for summer reading activities, take a look at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine’s summer health programming page with ready-made programs and upcoming webinars. You’ll find even more ideas — such as kids’ programs that let them make stardust or edible DNA — in their Summer Health Programming Manual.

Public Library Association Accepting Proposals for 2020 Conference
The Public Library Association (PLA) officially opened the call for proposals for educational sessions to be presented at its next biennial conference, February 25-29, 2020 in Nashville, Tennessee. Proposals will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 26, 2019.

Want More News?
Get the news as it happens: follow the Wyoming State Library on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter.
**Book Reviews**

**Running: Another Wyoming Adventure**  
*Don Merback*  
*Virginia Beach, VA : The Donning Company Publishers, 2016.*

I was really looking forward to reading the book *Running: Another Wyoming Adventure* by Don Merbeck. I thought it would be great to read about some of the political processes that might be more specific to Wyoming. What I really enjoyed about this story was the way the author exposed the all too often negative realities about politics, no matter where the politician is running. But I also loved that he told of the initial integrity and commitment of most first time politicians and then showed how that can change once the candidate is in office. I did find the organization of the book a little awkward to follow and I frequently had to refer back to the “who’s who” type list at the beginning of the book. All things considered, I enjoyed the story and would recommend the book, although it is not on my favorites list.

*Kathleen Horton, Library Paraprofessional*  
*Burns Jr/Sr High School*

**Hope Maintains her Throne: The Western Expeditions of Nathaniel J. Wyeth, Volume Two 1834-1836**  
*Jim Hardee*  
*Pinedale, WY: Museum of the Mountain Man, Sublette County Historical Society, 2018*

Following his first work, *Obstinate Hope* (2013), author Jim Hardee maintains his excellence with this second volume of the journals of fur trade entrepreneur Nathaniel J. Wyeth (1802-1856). Hardee traces Wyeth’s pioneering efforts in establishing trade routes in the Pacific Northwest up the Columbia River, extending into the Rocky Mountain fur trade rendezvous system. A visionary, Wyeth’s business efforts did not prove profitable, yet Hardee succeeds in showing how Wyeth became a key player in the early history of the Northwest and Rocky Mountains. Many fascinating stories are provided of frontier adventures, and the documentation of geographic name changes allows readers to place many events. Overall, this is an engaging and historically significant work by one of our best modern writers of the romantic fur trade frontier era.

*Nathan E. Bender, Technical Services Librarian*  
*Albany County Public Library*