Thousands of Wyoming Items Added to DPLA

Together, the Wyoming State Library and the Park County Archives have contributed over 34,000 items to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), a free portal to discover more than 34 million unique items from across the United States. The Wyoming State Library is part of the Plains to Peaks Collective DPLA hub, in partnership with the Colorado State Library.

More than 19,000 historical State Government publications are now in DPLA. These provide insight into the history and governance of Wyoming dating back to Territorial days. Wyoming residents can easily search state agency documents including annual reports, newsletters, and even historic highway maps.

The Park County Archives has added almost 15,000 images from their historic photograph collection relating to the town of Cody, Park County, and the region. Researchers exploring this collection can discover beautiful scenic views and learn about early visitor experiences.

Also in DPLA are items from the University of Wyoming and UW’s American Heritage Center and Art Museum. The WSL supports Wyoming’s involvement in DPLA using federal Library Services & Technology Act funds through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. To become a PPC partner, or if you have questions about sharing your collections with the DPLA, contact Leigh Jeremias at ljeremias@coloradovirtuallibrary.org.

Wyoming Wildlife, July 1941 — one of the numerous state publications now in DPLA.
Around the State

WYOMING READS PROMOTES LITERACY

Mark down 2019 for another successful Wyoming Reads celebration! This event, held at locations in all 23 counties, gifted a hardback picture book to every Wyoming first-grade student.

More than 7,500 students received a book to cherish — each with the child’s name printed inside the cover. Earlier this year, children had the opportunity to choose which book they would like to receive from the following titles:

- *Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings (This year’s favorite!)
- *We Don’t Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *The Princess and the Pit Stop* by Tom Angleberger
- *Twig* by Aura Parker
- *Detective Dog* by Julia Donaldson
- *Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur* by Cirocco Dunlap

Wyoming Reads is a program of the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation. It began in 1999 as “Casper Cares, Casper Reads” and expanded statewide in 2006. John Jorgensen established the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation and the annual celebration to honor his late wife’s commitment to literacy and books. Wyoming Reads uses the State Library’s Central.
Acquisitions program to purchase books at steep discounts to stretch donated dollars.

“Sue was always very dedicated to children and to literacy,” said John. “She believed that literacy was the foundation for everything in life.” That vision fuels this community literacy initiative.

See more photos on the WSL Facebook page.

6TH PENNY TAX TO FUND RAWLINS LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Rawlins Library is looking forward to some renovations, thanks to the recent passage of a 6th penny specific purpose tax. The 6th penny tax will generate funds for projects all over Carbon County, and the library’s share will come out of the $27.5 million designated for remodeling the Carbon Building and the Courthouse.

The library will be moved from its current home on the second story down to the ground floor of the building to make it more accessible. Patrons will enter directly through an outdoor plaza. New floor plans include designated spaces for children, teens, and adults, major technology infrastructure, a Wyoming history room, a dedicated computer lab, all new spaces for children and teens, and a creation station/makerspace.

“In short, patrons can expect all the same services they currently enjoy — and some new
ones—in a space that’s accessible, modern, and welcoming,” Library Director Jacob Mickelsen said. He added that the Carbon Building is a historic structure, “and this project allows the county to protect and respect the past while embracing the future.” Jacob and the library board and employees are looking forward to working with the project architects in the coming months to flesh out the remodel plans, and they hope to have a construction timeline soon.

### WSL News

**COMING SOON: ONE BOOK WYOMING’S “IN OUR TIME”**

*By Erin Pryor Ackerman from ThinkWY – Wyoming Humanities*

Wyoming Humanities has partnered with the Wyoming State Library to renew the One Book Wyoming program with Ernest Hemingway’s *In Our Time*. One Book Wyoming is a state-wide community reading program in which the same book is read and discussed throughout the state. Books, posters, and bookmarks, as well as additional information are being sent to Wyoming public and college libraries this month.

*In Our Time* is Ernest Hemingway’s first collection of short stories and the first introduction of his famous character Nick Adams. The stories’ themes range from meditations on fatherhood and family to war’s impact on soldiers to the challenges of romantic relationships to the relationship between humans and nature. With that many diverse topics...

### Calendar

- **June 1-30**: GLBT Book Month
- **June 20-25**: ALA Annual Conference
- **July 1-31**: Graphic Novels in Libraries Month
- **July 8-13**: National Summer Learning Week
- **Aug. 7-9**: WLA Annual Conference

### 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.
themes, not only will there be a story of interest to virtually everyone, but also opportunities to discuss and think more thoroughly about subjects you may not have thought much about.

**LAL STUDENT WRITING CONTEST WINNERS NAMED**

Top honors have gone to three Wyoming students in state-level competition in the 2018-19 *Letters About Literature Contest*. LAL encourages students to read, be inspired, and write back to their favorite authors. The Wyoming State Library awarded Arundathi Nair of Laramie first place in Level III (grades 9-12); Saimaa Widi, Cheyenne, placed first in Level II (grades 7-8); Padmalakshmi Ramesh, Laramie, placed first in Level I (grades 4-6). All three first place winners advanced to national competition.

Nair wrote to Paulo Coelho about his book, *The Alchemist*, a book that helped her think about her path in life; Widi saw herself in the words of the poem, “Why Am I Not Good Enough,” by Olivia Vella; and reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio changed the way Ramesh looked at others.

Letters About Literature asks students to respond to a book, rather than simply report on it. What matters most is the connection the student makes with the author’s words and the impact it has on that student’s life and how they see the world. See all those who placed and read their winning letters.

**School Libraries**

Robot and dragon Little Free Libraries created by Crest Hill Elementary students.

**CREST HILL STUDENTS BUILD LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES**

Fifth graders at Crest Hill Elementary in Casper made two Little Free Libraries that they auctioned and raffled to support their Parent-Teacher Organization’s fundraising efforts.

“We also registered the libraries with the Little Free Library organization,” said Crest Hill’s librarian, Devin Hodgins. “So they appear online on the LFL’s worldwide map.”

As part of the project, they investigated libraries and their impact on their communities. Each class had to work as a team to design and complete their libraries, through the school library’s Makerspace. The project was a catalyst to transform the event into an entire Spring Book Festival that drew about 200 people.
“I wanted to help strengthen a sense of togetherness among the school, parents, and stakeholders and to expand awareness of the impact of libraries throughout the school and even broader community,” Devin said. “I’d like to think that we took some respectable strides toward that end.”

The school was awarded a Carol McMurry Library Endowment grant through the Wyoming Community Foundation to help fund supplies for the libraries. The entire project stemmed from Devin’s attendance at last year’s Wyoming Library Leadership Institute.

INNOVATIONS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

From Big Deal Media K-12 Technology News

Videos Featuring Authors

Commemorating Children’s Book Week

KidLit TV has partnered with the Children’s Book Council and Every Child a Reader to produce 100 book creator videos for teachers, parents, librarians, and educators across the country to share with their students.

Videos to Deepen Understanding and Spark Curiosity

Boclips for Teachers offers an extensive library of engaging videos that bring academic topics to life for all ages while deepening students’ understanding of a variety of subjects. Sign up before June 30, 2019 for free access for a year.

NEW LOOK, ADDED CONTENT FOR GOWYLD SUBJECT PAGES

The GoWYLD.net subject area links are a great way to quickly access the resources you want. Now, the Wyoming State Library is making them better. The links will now go to subject LibGuides, allowing for added content along with the list of recommended databases.

You’ll find tutorials, tip sheets, lesson plans, and marketing materials to promote the resources to your patrons. Some are already live (e.g. elearning) while the rest will be phased in soon.

Learn more on our blog. If you have the old pages bookmarked, your links will still work — you’ll be automatically redirected to the new ones. Questions? Contact Chris Van Burgh,
WSL Database Instruction Librarian, at chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov or (307) 777-3642.

FEATURED IN GOWYLD THIS MONTH: WYOMING INVENTORS

May is National Inventors Month, a month-long celebration that honors the spirit of invention and creativity. The WSL points you to our own homegrown database, Wyoming Inventors. Check out this terrific resource and learn about Wyoming inventions and the men and women who created them.

Want to learn some search tips and tricks? Watch our Wyoming Inventors Database webinar on YouTube. In this archived video, WSL State Publications Librarian Karen Kitchens walks you through searching U.S. patents issued to inventors within the present-day boundaries of Wyoming.

Libraries should have received a 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.

Trustees, Friends & Foundations

ON-DEMAND WEBINARS HELP YOU BUILD SUPPORT FOR YOUR LIBRARY

EveryLibrary Institute has created a series of pre-recorded webinars covering a wide range of topics and subject areas around politics and library funding. Their introductory series of webinars are offered for free; more advanced webinars will have a cost associated with them.

GETTING BEYOND THE SURVEY TO DISCOVER YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

There are a variety of tools that use more open-ended, interactive, and often more visual approaches to elicit more innovative thinking than a survey. The purpose is multi-faceted: to uncover characteristics and connections with community members; to start a conversation that will continue past any specific project; to raise the visibility of the library and staff outside of the library building; and to alter the community’s perceptions of what the library is and can be. Learn more from WebJunction.
People News

Associate Dean Lori Phillips is retiring from the University of Wyoming Libraries at the end of June after over 25 years at UW. She served as Associate Dean of Libraries since 2003, including a year as Interim Dean of Libraries. Over the years, she’s worked in a variety of roles, serving as a librarian, teacher, mentor, colleague, and administrator. In 2017 she was the recipient of the University’s Agnes Milstead Distinguished Librarianship Award.

Jim Honour retired from UW Libraries at the end of April. Jim served since 2008 as the Regional Medical Library Liaison for Wyoming as part of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. In his role, he worked closely with librarians and health professionals across Wyoming to provide information and outreach about the National Library of Medicine.

Shannon Smith was named to the 2019 Husky 100, a prestigious honor awarded to University of Washington graduates and undergraduates. Shannon is a graduate student pursuing her MLIS online while working as a library specialist at the University of Wyoming.

This June, Vicki Riley will retire after 39 years with the Sweetwater County Library. She began in public services at the Rock Springs Library and then transferred to youth services at the White Mountain Library. In 1992 she was promoted to be the Youth Services Manager at the White Mountain Library, a position she has held ever since.

Liz Palmer is Sublette County Library’s new Youth Services Specialist. Liz came from Albany County Public Library and loves to write poetry, make costumes, and enjoys reading YA sci-fi and graphic novels. She’s excited to meet and work with teens and kids in Sublette County. Liz replaces Ana Cuprill who said farewell to the library after 15 years of service.

Youth Services

REGISTER NOW FOR YALSA’S 2019 YA SERVICES SYMPOSIUM

YALSA’s 2019 Young Adult Services Symposium takes place November 1-3 in Memphis, Tennessee with the theme, “Show Up and Advocate: Supporting Teens in the Face of Adversity.” Anyone with an interest in young adult services is welcome to attend. Learn more and register.
Training

BIG TALK FROM SMALL LIBRARIES RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Recordings of all 2019 Big Talk From Small Libraries sessions are now available. This online conference is held annually as a free, one-day event aimed at librarians from small libraries. Speakers are either from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people, or they work with small libraries. Topics range from technology to programming to new roles for the library.

FREE ARCHIVES AND DIGITAL COLLECTIONS 101 WORKSHOP

The Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRAB), in partnership with the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), invites you to attend a free, 2-day, Archives and Digital Collections 101 Workshop on June 27 and 28 at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. The workshop is geared towards those working in smaller archival repositories and those who may not have formal archival training. Register by June 15, 2019.

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 for you to watch “At Your Leisure.” These videos caught our attention for April:
- Trustee Trouble 7 (Wyoming State Library)
- Transgender Inclusion in Libraries (iSchool @ San Jose State University)
- Green Screen Tech (North Dakota State Library)
- From Virtual Reality to Blockchain: Current and Emerging Technology Trends (New Jersey Library Cooperative)

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP PLANNED AT CAMPBELL COUNTY LIBRARY

The Wyoming State Records Advisory Board, the Campbell County Historical Society, and the Campbell County Public Library are co-sponsoring “Doing Oral History in Your Community,” a free hands-on workshop on planning and conducting oral history interviews of local residents. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at the Campbell County Public Library, 2101 S 4-J Rd, in Gillette, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration is free. Contact Jane Gebhardt at 307-687-0009 or jane@ccpls.org to register.

Grants & Awards

National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Grants

DEADLINES: Vary

NNLM is offering a new set of funding opportunities for library staff interested in partnering with their communities to spur
learning and activities focused on health issues, or in developing their professional skills around health information. Some 17 award types are available starting in May in sizes large and small for programming, community engagement, and staff professional development.

**Association for Rural & Small Libraries**

**Conference Scholarships**

**DEADLINE: May 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m. MDT**

ARSL is offering four scholarships to their 2019 Fall Conference in Burlington, Vermont, from September 4-7. Although general registration is full, four seats have been saved for the scholarship recipients. These scholarships are for first time attendees only.

**Carol McMurry Library Endowment**

**Grants for Continuing Education**

**DEADLINE: May 31, 2019**

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 annually.

**Local Government Energy Improvement Grants**

**DEADLINE: May 31, 2019**

May 31 deadline to sign up for free energy assessment. Grant application deadline is July 31, 2019. Assessment must be completed before grant application is submitted. Competitive federal grant funds are available for Wyoming local governments, public schools and small businesses seeking to improve their buildings while reducing utility costs.

**Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Grants**

**DEADLINE: June 1, 2019**

Wyoming’s SHRAB is offering grants of up to $2,500 to Wyoming cultural heritage organizations for projects to process, preserve, and provide increased access to historical records. The SHRAB will assign priority to those applications that show commitment to developing and/or implementing projects that will lead to enhanced online access to historical records. Contact Kathy Marquis, SHRAB Coordinator and Wyoming Deputy State Archivist, with any questions at (307) 777-8691 or kathy.marquis@wyo.gov.

**ABOS Carol Hole Conference Attendance Award**

**DEADLINE: July 31, 2019**

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services remembers the services of Carol Combs Hole by offering three (3) $500 travel grants to the ABOS conference in Omaha, Nebraska (October 23–25, 2019). Grant includes free registration and a stipend for travel expenses and/or accommodations for the conference.
Library Jobs

SHERIDAN COLLEGE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**Director of Library Services**
Northern Wyoming Community College District, Sheridan, Wyoming
The Director of Library Services administers all aspects of library resources and services in support of the academic programs, faculty teaching, and student learning at Sheridan College and Gillette College. The Director administers the Writing Center and Tutoring. The Director provides collaborative leadership with library staff, faculty, and other College administrators and staff. NWCCD also includes a small campus site in Buffalo, Wyoming. See more Wyoming library employment opportunities on the [WSL Jobs Board](https://library.wyo.gov/).

News in Brief

**Mental Health Resources at Your Library**
May is Mental Health Month, and libraries can help with authoritative, reliable health information. Check out this list of helpful resources on our blog, prepared by Park County Library Reference Librarian Nicholle Gerharter.

**Summer of Space: Celebrating Apollo**
Join NASA as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo program. The Apollo lunar flights may have ended in 1972, but the moon has remained of great interest to NASA and people around the world. Explore with NASA as they take a look back at the historic program while they prepare to send humans back to the Moon. A flyer is available for more information and to promote this event. Watch live and archived videos at [go.nasa.gov/DEEP](https://go.nasa.gov/DEEP).

**Talking With Your Doctor Toolkit**
To help your older patrons make the most of their medical appointments, take a look at the “Talking With Your Doctor Presentation Toolkit” from the National Institute on Aging. This “program in a box” includes a PowerPoint presentation, speaker script and notes, presentation handouts, tips for preparing, a video, and a promotional flyer.

**MPLA Seeking Conference Program Proposals**
The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is a 12-state association that includes Wyoming. The MPLA conference will be held October 31 through November 2 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Submission deadline is June 15.

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Book Reviews

Shaping the Story: An Introduction to Writing Fiction
John D. Nesbitt
Independently published, 2019

*Shaping the Story* is written like a text book but has all the no-nonsense advice you need to get your writing life on track. Nesbitt doesn’t sugarcoat anything and can be quoted saying things like “In addition to taking responsibility for the little things, the writer needs to be self-sufficient and take initiative in the world of writing and publishing.” And “A writer should not expect anyone to go out of his or her way to help, and the writer will soon learn that the world is not waiting for her.” This particular guide made me think of things I had never thought of before. *Shaping the Story* can help you get there with a roadmap to success and a kick in the pants.

Helen M. Pugsley, Circulation/Reference
Goshen County Library

Havoc & Solace: Poems from the Inland West
Carol L. Deering
Jackson, Wyo.: Sastrugi Press [2018]

The perfect size to bring and read while exploring “wild and rural lands,” Havoc & Solace: Poems from the Inland West is an artful collection from award-winning poet Carol L. Deering. In her first book Deering shares poems of “witness, wonder, and revelation” that can be read in order or chosen to suit mood and circumstance. I read “The Air is Fresh & Wild” beside a creek on my first hike of the season, and I simply want to thank the author for framing a perfect moment.

Deering creates a space where the natural landscapes and powerful wildlife of our beloved West are accessible and engaging in their majesty. She gives credit where due to her inspirations and will doubtless inspire further creation and appreciation with this lovely collection of poems.

Amanda Lehman, Digital Collections Librarian
William Robertson Coe Library, University of Wyoming