Library Stands Ready in a Community Crisis

Campbell County Public Library System and its employees were shocked on July 1 as Blackjewel Holdings, LLC, filed for bankruptcy and shuttered the Belle Ayr and Eagle Butte mines, putting 580 people out of work.

“Our hearts go out to all employees of Blackjewel Mines and others affected by mine closures,” the library posted on social media. “We stand ready, willing, and able to assist with any and all with resume writing, computer services, internet access, job search assistance, etc.”

As soon as July 2, CCPL saw a steep increase in patron use of the Technology Center and reference services. Displaced workers came to the library to work on new job prospects, to file for and seek out relief, and to use the library as a hub for information on what to do next. CCPL Reference Department staff worked to coordinate with the local Wyoming Workforce Services branch. The library has held two Saturday resume writing open sessions and is providing community-sponsored free Technology Center services (printing, copies, faxing, etc.) to library patrons affected by the mine closures.

Campbell County Public Library continues to be a community meeting space and resource for access to technology, assistance with online forms, technology skills training, and more.
WSL News

WYOMING LIBRARY LAWS 2019 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2019 edition of *Wyoming Library Laws* has been posted. This annual publication is a ready reference to the range of statutes affecting Wyoming libraries. The statutes in *Library Laws* are extracted, not printed in their entirety, so this is intended as a reference only. The WSL recommends libraries consult the full text of Wyoming Statutes and visit with their legal counsel when faced with difficult issues. Our Library Development Office is ready to assist with any questions. Contact Brian Greene at (307) 777-6339 or brian.greene@wyo.gov.

CHEYENNE STUDENT WINS NATIONAL HONOR IN LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

A Wyoming student has placed nationally in the Letters About Literature contest, a Library of Congress writing competition. The program, concluding its 27th year, asks students in grades 4 through 12 to write to an author about how his or her work affected their lives. More than 29,000 students from across the country participated in this year’s initiative.

Saimaa Widi of Cheyenne received a National Honor Award in Level 2 (grades 7-8) competition, along with a prize of $500. Widi was inspired by the poem “Why Am I Not Good Enough” by Olivia Vella. Saimaa’s letter, along with those from other state-level winners, may be found on the WSL website.

LINNEA ROUNDS, 1944-2019

We were saddened to hear of the death of Linnea “Linn” Rounds. She passed away at the age of 75 on June 19, 2019. Linn worked many years at the Wyoming State Library and managed the
Publications, Public Programs, and Marketing Office. She retired in 2003 after 26 years with the WSL. You can read her words on her retirement in this clip from the May-June 2003 Outrider. Condolences may be offered through Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Wyoming Library Association

DEADLINE NEARING TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE

Don’t miss out on your chance to attend the 2019 Wyoming Library Association conference! Registration for this event closes on July 29, and there will be no late or at-the-door registration.

The conference is a fantastic opportunity to learn from and network with your colleagues from across Wyoming. The conference takes place at the Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne August 7-9. Learn more, see the program and register.

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GET YOUR BASKETS READY FOR WLA

It’s time to show your creative side and support the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute by building a basket (or multiple baskets) to raffle at the Wyoming Library Association annual conference in Cheyenne.

Choose an amazing theme (beautiful, fun, practical, etc.) and fill a container with items related to that theme. They’re looking for a variety of baskets appropriate for men, women, children, and pets of all ages. Make a list of the items you include in the basket and take pictures of the final product. Send your pictures and lists to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

Then bring your basket to WLA and watch as people clamor for an opportunity to win it. Be ready to buy your own tickets to win a basket – bring cash and mailing labels! Contact Chris Van Burgh at chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov or (307) 777-3642 with any questions.

Share the News!

Do you have colleagues that aren’t on the Outrider mailing list? Encourage them to sign up and catch all the library news.
GROBE NAMED WLA’S 2019 ‘OUTSTANDING HEROINE’

Washakie County Library volunteer Dolleen Grobe has been named the Wyoming Library Association’s “Outstanding Heroine” for 2019. The award recognizes an outstanding person or group whose hard work has made a difference to a Wyoming library within the last two years.

Grobe served two terms on the Washakie County Library Board and then moved to the library’s Foundation Board, working diligently to achieve the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge goals. She’s been instrumental in the continued transformation of the Ten Sleep Branch Library renovation through her work with the Friends of the Library, and she reviews the Friends scholarships. She’s filled needs for the library’s After the Bell after-school program and provided special items for displays. Her rescue dog Gus visits the branch with her so often he’s known as “the library dog.”

“Although recognition is not something she desires, we feel the need to honor her,” said Washakie County Library Director Karen Funk. “She has our back and we want to recognize her as a person who makes a difference through dedication and volunteerism.”

‘WHAT THE TECH?’ CALL FOR PRESENTERS

What the Tech is a very popular WLA Conference program comprised of lots of quick 90-second presentations. It’s a lot of fun, but it can’t happen without YOU. Please volunteer to share with us a few of your favorite apps, websites, and technology-related items, each in 90 seconds or less — try to beat the bell!

Contact Thomas Ivie at thomas.ivie@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6330 for details and to sign up.

School Libraries

INNOVATIONS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Resources found in the Big Deal Media K-12 Technology newsletter.

Archive of Historical Children’s Books
The digital collection of the University of Florida’s Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature currently holds more than 6,000 books free to read online, allowing readers to get a sense of what adults wanted children to know and believe in the 1800s.
Guide to Hiking the Scenic Trails of National Parks
REI Co-op National Parks Guide is among the most comprehensive guides to the National Parks System. Covering 50 popular sites — from Acadia National Park in Maine, to Zion in Utah — this app leads users through every step of their journey, from planning a trip to finding the most scenic trail once they’ve arrived.

Story-Based Game on the Aftermath of a Hurricane
Community in Crisis is a story-based literacy game in which students take on the role of director of a community center dealing with the aftermath of a hurricane. In that role, students will need to work with their staff to prioritize relief efforts to best serve individuals and the community as a whole.

Virtual Walk through Archaeological Sites
Harvard University’s Digital Giza Project allows scholars to virtually walk through archaeological sites and examine artifacts.

DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENT COLLABORATION
Here are some educational technology tools from Christine Schein, Colorado Department of Education, for students to use to collaborate and think about the power of collaboration. See the full blog post for more information and descriptions of each.

- Book Creator
- Breakout EDU — see also their Free Games and Digital SandBox.
- FlipGrid
- GridPals
- Google Apps for Education
- Kahoot
- NowComment
- Skype in the Classroom
- Padlet

Visit CommonSense Media at Find an EdTech Tool for more ideas and reviews of tech tools for your classroom. EdShelf will also provide ideas, reviews, and recommendations for education tech tools.

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Databases & Electronic Resources

FEATURED THIS MONTH: NASA VIDEOS

Fifty years ago this month the American space program put men on the moon.

Relive this amazing feat of technology through these great NASA videos. And it’s easy to tie this historic event to our summer reading campaign of Reading Under the Stars! Learn more and watch the videos.

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.

Trustees, Friends & Foundations

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESOURCES

On their blog, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission compiled this excellent set of resources on strategic or long-range planning:

Why is a Strategic Plan Necessary for a Small Library? 2015 (Infopeople) – This article from Infopeople details the many reasons for library strategic planning.

Strategic Planning When You Can’t Afford a Consultant 2018 (Texas State Library) – This one-hour webinar presented by Michele Stricker, Deputy State Librarian of Lifelong Learning at the New Jersey State Library, explores cost-effective ways to approach strategic planning.

A Library Board’s Practical Guide to Strategic Planning 2016 (United for Libraries) – This PDF guide to the planning process is written from the library board’s perspective and includes how to
complete an environmental scan and write vision and mission statements.

**Project Outcome** 2018 (Public Library Association) – This free online toolkit provides outcome measurement tools and resources.

**Integrating Project Outcome into Strategic Planning & Measuring Priority Areas** 2017 (American Library Association) – This video presentation includes panelists who have incorporated Project Outcome into their libraries’ planning processes.

Some library strategic reports noted as good examples were from the Buda Public Library, Fort Worth Public Library, and Greenfield Public Library. For additional reading on strategic planning, search the Wyoming State Library catalog. We have a library science collection that includes titles on this topic. You may also contact our Library Development Office for assistance.

**LEGAL AND ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF LIBRARY PRACTICE**

Hooray for freedom! This summer WebJunction is pleased to host, in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries and Library Journal, a two-part webinar series exploring library policies and procedures related to intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality. Margo Gustina and Eli Guinnee, co-founders of Hooray4.org, and authors of *Why Social Justice in the Library: The Case for Shifting Library Policy, Practice, and Culture toward Radical Inclusivity*, bring expertise and practical experience to the topic.

The first webinar aired July 11 and is available as a recorded video with supplemental materials. The second will be held on Thursday, August 8.

**People News**

**BROWN NEW DIRECTOR OF CASPER COLLEGE LIBRARY**

On July 1, Katrina Brown officially took over as Director of the Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library. She came to Casper College from Sheridan College, where she was Director of the Mary Brown Kooi Library.

“At Casper College, I’m taking over a library with a lot of strengths,” Katrina said. “The staff is incredible. They’ve kept the library running seamlessly and increased services, such as their instruction sessions. The library is also fortunate to have such solid support from the college.”

Katrina Brown
Katrina has been active in the library community, currently serving as Past President of the Wyoming Library Association. She’s a 2011 graduate of the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute (WLLI). She holds associate and bachelor’s degrees in history and a Master of Library and Information Science.

“If you have any interest in leadership, attend WLLI,” she added. “It helped me believe I was a leader and could do the job.”

**BOULE NAMED SHERIDAN COLLEGE LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Michelle Boule has been named Director of Library Services at Sheridan College’s Mary Brown Kooi Library. She’s been a librarian at the college since August 2017. Prior to coming to Sheridan, she served as a Social Sciences Librarian at the University of Houston Libraries as the Ethnic Studies liaison and was an active member of the Instruction Team. She has a BA in English with minors in women’s studies and anthropology from Texas A&M and a Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman’s University.

Michelle has been involved nationally with the American Library Association, serving in the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) within that organization.

In 2008, she was named a *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker for her work in online learning environments and technology training, including being part of a team that created a free, grassroots course for librarians to learn about social software.

She speaks and writes nationally about technology, education, publishing, and libraries, and has written a book on group learning and training called *Mob Rule Learning: Camps, Unconferences, and Trashing the Talking Head*. This fall, she will be an adjunct at the University of Nebraska Omaha teaching Digital Citizenship.

“I’ve worked in and for all different kinds of libraries, and I couldn’t pass up an opportunity to put some of that knowledge to work,” she said. “While I can be a great follower and cheerleader, I like being in the front of the pack and being a change agent. What better way to do that than as a director?”

**Want More News?**

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RZASA IS NEW JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Steve Rzasa was recently named Director of the Johnson County Library. He’s a 2000 graduate of Boston University’s School of Communications with a bachelor’s degree in print journalism and several years’ experience in newspapers before coming to the library in 2008.

He put his educational background to work right away when he came to the Johnson County Library, creating the library’s first newsletter. When he became the Technical Services Librarian a couple of years later, his duties expanded to include linking new books and technical troubleshooting with the public, in addition to publishing the newsletter, handling communications, issuing press releases, and managing social media. He was one of the first library employees in Wyoming to receive ALA Library Support Staff Certification.

With the completion of the library expansion three years ago, Steve says the next thing on the agenda is a new strategic plan. “For so long the goal was to expand the Johnson County Library,” he said. “That goal’s been achieved, so we now need to be mindful of what our next target should be.”

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Conrrado Saldivar, Adult Services Specialist at Natrona County Library, was recently awarded a Spectrum Scholarship from the American Library Association’s (ALA) Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services. He was one of 60 recipients nationwide chosen for their commitment to equity and inclusion, demonstrated community outreach, commitment to the library profession, and leadership potential.

Conrrado began working at the Natrona County Library in April 2015 as an Adult Services Specialist. He received a BA in Anthropology and a BA in Spanish from the University of Wyoming in 2013, and began working on his MLIS at the University of Washington iSchool in 2018. He is also currently a contributing writer for the Hack Library School blog and Co-President of the Student Chapter of the American Library Association at the University of Washington.
Jerry Jones, Youth Services Manager, has retired after 30 years at Natrona County Library. She was a key player, dedicated to providing excellent and innovative library services. Her rapport with children is caring and natural, and her enthusiasm was reflected in the students’ joy with the books she recommended to them.

Natrona County Library has four staff in new positions: Chelsie Troutman and Lorene Peterson are now Youth & Teen Services Specialists, Jennifer (Jenn) Beckstead is Youth Services Manager, and Adilene (Adi) Rodriguez is an Adult Services Specialist.

Anne Parady and Diane Roccabruna retired from the Sweetwater County Library System at the end of June. Anne worked for the system for 17 years, more than 10 of those as the Youth Services Manager. Diane worked in youth services for 20 years, primarily with teens.

In June, Jeff Collins, the Deputy Director of Public Service for the Laramie County Library System, graduated from Leadership Cheyenne’s 2019 class. The Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce’s year-long program aims to grow a network of leaders in Cheyenne, foster an understanding of the community, and build participants’ leadership skills. Jeff has worked at Laramie County Library System since 2016.

DeChantel Galgoci has joined the Hot Springs County Library as Front Desk Librarian.

Events

‘TOY STORY 4’ STARS OF NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

September’s Library Card Sign-up Month stars “Toy Story 4” characters. As Honorary Chairs, Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep, and friends are appearing in print and digital graphics to promote the value of a library card. The “Toy Story 4” crew is also featured in customizable library card artwork.

All the free graphics and art can be downloaded through the Library Card Sign-up Month Toolkit.
(An account is required but registration is free, and anyone can join.) Sample tools, including a proclamation, a template press release, radio PSA scripts and social media posts are also available for libraries to use. The tools remind the public of all the resources available with a library card.

Training

WEBJUNCTION PRESENTATIONS FROM ALA ANNUAL

WebJunction staff attended ALA Annual 2019 in Washington, D.C. In addition to conference presentations and poster sessions, they presented at the OCLC booth for Hot Topics, 15-minute presentations where you can learn about technologies and strategies that help your library serve your community more effectively. Presentations have been posted on their website.

Library Jobs

Associate Dean, Ludden Library and Learning Commons
Laramie County Community College Ludden Library and Learning Commons, Cheyenne, WY

The Associate Dean of the Ludden Library and Learning Commons (LLC) is a full time, benefitted position responsible for the academic, strategic, and operational leadership of Laramie County Community College’s (LCCC) Ludden LLC. The Associate Dean provides leadership for department faculty and staff to assure that instructional programs, resources, and services promote the welfare and best interests of students in a manner consistent with the LLC mission and core goals of the college. Position is open until filled. For full consideration, apply by August 2, 2019.

See more Wyoming library employment opportunities on the WSL jobs board.

Grants & Awards

Wyoming Women’s Foundation Grants
DEADLINE: July 25, 2019
The Wyoming Women’s Foundation’s mission is to invest in economic self-sufficiency for women and opportunities for girls in Wyoming. WYWF makes grants to programs that elevate the financial well-being of women, empower women and girls, and promote systems change. Grant priorities are income and asset development, mentoring, and systems change.

Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize
DEADLINE: August 1, 2019
The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between Library Journal and the Gerald M. Kline Family
Foundation, has been created to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. The Community Impact Prize is designed to celebrate libraries that have significantly helped their communities thrive. One winning library will receive $250,000 in grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the November issue of Library Journal and online.

**ALA’s Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition**  
**DEADLINE: August 9, 2019**  
Public and academic libraries may apply to host “Americans and the Holocaust,” a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Fifty selected libraries will receive the 1,100-square-foot exhibition on loan for five to six weeks; a $2,000 allowance to support public programs; expenses paid for a library staff member to attend an orientation workshop; and publicity materials, programming support and more.

**Yiddish Book Center’s “Coming to America” Reading Groups**  
**DEADLINE: August 16, 2019**  
Using Yiddish literature as a portal, the program will feature Yiddish literature in translation that explores questions of identity, assimilation, language, cuisine, and generational change. Up to 30 participating public libraries will receive expenses paid for facilitators to attend a two-day workshop at the Yiddish Book Center, 15 copies of each of four books, and downloadable discussion guides and reading resources.

**News in Brief**

**How Safe Is Your Workspace?**  
Do you keep your workspace neat and free of clutter? Do you close desk drawers and cabinets when not in use? Do you use a step ladder instead of standing on a chair to get things that are out of your reach? These are only a few of the things you can do to ensure a safe workplace. This article lists 30 safety topics employers can share with employees.

**Submit a Nomination for the “I Love My Librarian” Award**  
Has a librarian made a difference in your life, or changed your community for the better? Now’s your chance to celebrate their impact by nominating them for the prestigious I Love My Librarian Award. Up to 10 school, public, and college/university librarians will be selected.

**2020 ALA Annual Call for Proposals Open**  
ALA Conference Services is accepting program proposals for the 2020 American Library Association Annual Conference, to take place in Chicago, Illinois on June 25-30, 2020. The deadline to submit content is September 10, 2019, at 10:00 p.m. (MDT).
Book Reviews

A Divided Mind
Mary Billiter
Tangled Tree Publishing, 2019

With *A Divided Mind*, Billiter and her son Kyle work together to turn their real experiences into a fictional tale of a family dealing with mental illness. Tara, the mom, and her son Branson alternate chapters as they progress through realization, diagnosis, and the many events that are part of Branson’s illness. Tara’s worry, denial, and overwhelming guilt are written so well that you can feel her pain and frustration. Just as relatable is a high school senior whose “waves of static” and “shadow people” bring him to a caring specialist. 

Tara’s story is a finely-crafted and endearing cast of men and women trying to realize their dreams in the boom-and-bust mining towns along the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming’s early years. Two Irish immigrants from New York — the charming, hard-working, Devin, and feisty, talented seamstress, Ailis — become embroiled in the West’s perils and opportunities for the enigmatic businesswomen, Dulcie Jackson and Xiang Ju, turning dust into gold among the busted miners brings unexpected love and more opportunities than their first homes could have offered. An immersive experience in the Wyoming Territory’s history, the vibrant descriptions and language right out of the 1880s brings complex characters to life and makes the rough an’ tumble towns flow cinematically from the pages. The writing seems to have stepped straight off the stagecoach of a bygone era, bringing unforgettable characters that stay with you long after turning the last page.

Nancy Venable, Extension and Volunteer Services Manager
Campbell County Public Library

Joy that Long Endures (Book #2, Irish Blessings Series)
Alethea Williams
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018

This book was beautifully descriptive and exciting. Williams’ characters were a finely-crafted and endearing cast of men and women trying to realize their dreams in the boom-and-bust mining towns along the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming’s early years. Two Irish immigrants from New York — the charming, hard-working, Devin, and feisty, talented seamstress, Ailis — become embroiled in the West’s perils and opportunities for the enigmatic businesswomen, Dulcie Jackson and Xiang Ju, turning dust into gold among the busted miners brings unexpected love and more opportunities than their first homes could have offered. An immersive experience in the Wyoming Territory’s history, the vibrant descriptions and language right out of the 1880s brings complex characters to life and makes the rough an’ tumble towns flow cinematically from the pages. The writing seems to have stepped straight off the stagecoach of a bygone era, bringing unforgettable characters that stay with you long after turning the last page.

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