Letters About Literature Opens November 1

Wyoming students in grades 4-12 are invited to read, be inspired, and write back to the author (living or dead) of a book that changed their lives. The 2020 Wyoming Letters About Literature reading and writing contest will open November 1 and run through the postmark deadline of January 11, 2020.

Entries will be judged at the state level in three age categories: grades 4-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-12. At each age level, winners will receive an Amazon gift card worth $150 for first place, $100 for second, or $50 for third. Both individual and classroom entries are welcome. Competition will be held at the state level only; the Library of Congress concluded its support of Letters About Literature with the 2019 contest.

You can help spread the word — we’ve created promotional posters to help. Download and print the PDFs, or use the JPGs in your own presentations, emails, newsletters, social media, or any other way you can think of to inspire a teen or tween to enter.

Find more information, guidelines, and a teaching guide at library.wyo.gov/letters. Questions? Contact Susan Mark, Wyoming State Library Outreach Librarian, at (307) 777-5915 or susan.mark@wyo.gov.
WSL News

LIBRARY USE ON SNAPSHOT DAY

October 8 was Wyoming Libraries Snapshot Day, when we celebrated the impact our libraries have on their communities every single day. We collected photos, stories, and video that show how patrons are using and enjoying the state’s libraries. The numbers tell how busy they are. On Snapshot Day, Wyoming’s public and community college libraries:

- Circulated 14,126 items, including 5,544 children’s items
- Saw 6,163 downloads and renewals of ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and digital magazines
- Issued 278 new library cards
- Added 839 items to their catalogs
- Had over 3.43 million items available to Wyoming’s residents in their collections
- Provided 904 patron computers at public library outlets

From data collected annually by the Wyoming State Library, we estimate that on an average day, there are:

- 9,147 visits to public libraries
- 1,600 people using a public library computer
- 1,077 reference questions answered in public libraries
- 836 children and teens who attended programs at their public libraries
- 43 meeting room uses
- 797 wireless internet sessions

Crest Hill Elementary

White Mountain Library

Sublette County Library
• 7,603 retrievals of information from WYLD databases

Find more statistics, video, patron comments, and (of course!) photos on the Wyoming Snapshot Day website.

PAW PATROL ON THE ROAD IN WYOMING

The State Library has Paw Patrol costumes available to Wyoming libraries — great for programming, parties, community engagement, advocacy, fundraising, making new friends, and more! The pups have been appearing around the state. For example, Sweetwater County Library System held Paw Patrol events in 2018 at the main library in Green River and White Mountain Library in Rock Springs. Both drew 300 or more attendees.

“When we are forever trying to come up with the next big and amazing program to bring people to the library, this is too easy,” said Jason Grubb, Library Director. “People come because they want to see the characters. Find a date, find

Dildine Elementary School

Chase visiting Sweetwater County.

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some people to wear the costumes — we used volunteers — and promote the event.”

Jason said organization and preparation are simple. He recommends a craft for people to do while waiting to see the characters and a brief safety message that the local fire department can provide.

To borrow the Paw Patrol costumes, contact Robyn Hinds at robyn.hinds@wyo.gov or (307) 777-7282. If Robyn is unavailable, call our main desk at (307) 777-6333.

**Around the State**

**NEW LOCATION IN THE WORKS FOR WASHAKIE COUNTY LIBRARY**

A new home for the Washakie County Library is in the works. In September, Washakie County Commissioners signed a $525,000 purchase agreement with Lee and Gerry Kennedy for the Ace Hardware building in downtown Worland. The building will be more accessible, with off-street parking on the main street through town.

Library Director Karen Funk is excited for the future of the library and what it will mean to local residents. “Washakie County may not be the richest county in the state, but it’s rich in community,” she said. “We plan on giving the people we serve a public library built for the 21st Century — the most valuable, unique resource we can offer that’s free for everyone to use.”

**ROCK SPRINGS LIBRARY CREATING A CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY CENTER**

The Rock Springs Library has joined forces with the City of Rock Springs, private businesses, and volunteers to launch a Children’s Discovery Center in the lower level of the building. The Discovery Center will include exhibits with hands-on exploration and an environment rich in materials that inspire imagination.

“We’re very excited,” said Sweetwater County Library System Director Jason Grubb. “The Children’s Discovery Center is the perfect concept. It weds traditional library services with new and interesting ways of learning.”

The library also received grants from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation and the Wyoming Community Foundation that will purchase a modular exhibit framework and wind exhibit. They hope to open the Discovery Center in the summer of 2020. [Read more](#) on the WSL blog.

**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.
AN UNEXPECTED LITTLE LIBRARY

By Karen Jean Funk
Washakie County Library Director

High in the Big Horn Mountains, close to 7800 ft, the “Slip” Road from Kaycee and the “Hazelton” Road meet. We get to our Bear Trap pasture, and the cows are encrusted with snow and the wind is icy on our cheeks as we push into the wind. The herd looks thankfully at us as we get the gate open to let them migrate farther down the mountain. It’s time for them to go home and to lower ground where the feed is good and the water isn’t frozen. As we head back down the road I see what looks like a mailbox. Knowing there is no postal route in Johnson County up here, I curiously walk up to the mailbox.

I smile as I see it. And think, I can never get away from this! Written on the side of this mailbox, it says LIBRARY. I opened the door and instructions fell open to me in black lettering inside the door. “Take a Book,” it said! A healthy selection of books, magazines, and even a CD awaited me. How wonderful, I thought, as I looked at the titles! Holding tight to each one as the mountain wind and snow were revving up, I made a selection. What am I doing, I thought! I reminded myself that I was trying to take a day off from the library...and look what happened?!

This re-affirms what people ask me every day. Are libraries going away? Are they dead? NO! The libraries will never die. This of all things must prove that! There is a need to educate, entertain, and to share our passion with books. If you’re in the Big Horn Mountains sometime, just beyond the Slip, look for the mailbox. It is on the Hazelton Road, a dirt road, a stock drive. Take a book or two, and if you have a spare, share one.

School Libraries

TEACHING RESOURCES FOR LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

School librarians, teachers, and homeschoolers interested in having their students participate in the 2020 Wyoming Letters About Literature reading/writing contest should note that a Teaching Guide is available to walk your students through the book discussion and letter-writing process. The guide addresses the LAL teaching
strategies and ways in which the program can dovetail with curriculum for teaching reading and writing. Included are worksheets for duplication and assessment checklists. Students might want to read the letters from last year’s winners, posted on our website, for examples of what a winning letter looks like. Learn more and find ready-to-print flyers to promote the contest to your students.

**NADING RECEIVES CELEBRATE LITERACY AWARD**

Journey Elementary Library Media Tech Ginny Nading was named a recipient of the 2019 Celebrate Literacy Award from the Wyoming State Literacy Association. Ginny has been a part of the Natrona County School District team for 13 years and has spent the last 6 years as an elementary school library media technician. She’ll graduate with her bachelor’s degree in library science from Valley City State University this coming spring.

“It was humbling to be nominated, let alone a recipient,” she said. “I think literacy is so important to everyone, whether it is for pleasure, research, or work. Literacy is a functional life skill that we all need to have. I love being able to share my love of reading to my students, all 400 and some, through different tones and excitement.”

**BUILDING A BETTER BOOK**

In January, University of Wyoming Libraries, in collaboration with the UW Lab School, was selected as a partner site for the Build a Better Book (BBB) project at the University of Colorado, Boulder. This project, supported by the National Science Foundation, seeks to help empower school and library makerspaces to “engage youth in the design and fabrication of inclusive media, including picture books, games, and graphics.”

7th & 8th grade students from UW’s Lab School Tactile Design Elective course building better books.

Teresa Strube, UW Lab School Math & Science Teacher, and Shannon Smith, Library Specialist at the Learning Resource Center, joined other members from the 2019 cohort of partner sites to
participate in an immersive training experience. The BBB 2019 cohort explored low to no-tech approaches for building tactile and immersive stories and games. Read more about the project on UW News.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Want to teach kids and teens what intellectual property is and how to respect it? The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office can help. Their Office of Education and Outreach has resources for children and teens that explore innovation and the copyrights, trademarks, and patents that protect it. Visit the website.

Parents and teachers might also want to check out these sets of lessons: Building Respect for Copyright and Building Respect for Trademarks. These great finds and more are in our “Intellectual Property Law” featured resources for October.

INNOVATIONS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Guide for Conversing with Parents About Learning with Technology
Your Edtech Conversation Guide, a free downloadable resource from the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), is the definitive handbook for changing the conversation with parents about how students are learning with the use of technology.

Program Based on Real-World Writing
This school year, The New York Times is offering a free, flexible, seven-unit writing curriculum based on real-world genres found not just in The Times, but in all kinds of print and online sources.

Spotlight! Coding for Children with Autism
Learning to code is about learning how to solve problems, work with others in creative ways, and think in a new language. Teaching children with autism to code is also teaching them the thinking skills they need to address the challenges they face in their everyday lives.

Academic Libraries

UW’S ‘ARCHIVES ON THE AIR’ HONORED
The University of Wyoming American Heritage Center (AHC) and Wyoming Public Media (WPM) recently received a first-place award from
the Wyoming State Historical Society (WSHS) in the audiovisual category for their collaborative “Archives on the Air” radio segment.

The award is presented to people and programs that have made an outstanding contribution to Wyoming’s history by developing documentary material in the audiovisual field.

Learn more on UW News.

UW PEOPLE NEWS

Over the summer, there were a number of new hires and appointments at the University of Wyoming Libraries.

Hilary Baribeau is the new Digital Scholarship Librarian. Hilary works in the Digital Collections department and provides leadership and management for open scholarship, scholarly identities, and open educational resources.

Dr. Yolanda Hood joined the UW Libraries faculty as the Carol J. McMurry Distinguished Librarian for Academic Excellence. She will work closely with students in the Honors College to help ensure their academic success at the University of Wyoming.

Larry Schmidt is now the Chair of Research & Instruction. Larry joined the UW Libraries faculty in 2002 and has served as the science librarian, as head of the Geology Library, and as a research librarian in R&I.

Kaijsa Calkins was appointed as the Assistant Dean, Education & Research Services, in late August. She now leads a library division that includes Digital Collections, Special Collections, and Research & Instruction.

Cass Kvenild was appointed Associate Dean of Libraries in July. Cass has worked at UW Libraries for 16 years, serving as the distance
learning librarian, the head of the Learning Resource Center, and most recently, the assistant dean of Education & Research Services.

**Shannon Sheridan** has joined UW Libraries as the Data Management Librarian. Shannon works in the Digital Collections department and provides leadership and management for the UW data repository.

### Trustees, Friends, & Foundations

**NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK**

United for Libraries is coordinating the 14th annual National Friends of Libraries Week from October 20-26. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

**TRUSTEES INVITED TO BECOME LIBRARY CENSUS CHAMPIONS**

United for Libraries, the American Library Association (ALA) Public Policy and Advocacy office and the Census Counts campaign has launched Library Census Champions, a new network of state, local, and tribal library Trustees helping their libraries and communities prepare for the 2020 Census. Census data are used to make decisions about how and where to spend more than $800 billion each year for services and programs communities rely on, including federal funding for libraries.

### Databases & Electronic Resources

**GOWYLD MILESTONE: 600,000 CLOUDLIBRARY CHECKOUTS**

Since GoWYLD added cloudLibrary in 2012, there have been more than 600,000 checkouts! As of September 20, Wyoming library patrons had downloaded 615,342 ebooks and audiobooks from this service. The digital content offerings in GoWYLD mean that even when the building is closed, the library is still open to provide great reads — and our patrons are clearly taking full advantage of this service. Not surprisingly, *Fifty Shades of Grey* was #1 on our list of the top 10 circulating titles of all time, but there are also some good Young Adult titles listed, too.
FEATURED FOR OCTOBER:
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Let’s face it. Intellectual property law can be confusing, even overwhelming. That’s why we’ve put together helpful guides to basic information about patent, trademark, and copyright law. Learn more and find resources to promote intellectual property resources to your patrons.

Libraries should have received their mini-marketing kit by email for this month’s feature. 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.

SNAPSHOT DAY GOWYLD STATS

The 78 GoWYLD.net electronic resources offer articles, ebooks, scholarly sources, downloadable audiobooks, courses and tutorials, and much more. These are available to every Wyoming resident, 24 hours every day, from any computer or device with access to the Internet. On October 8, Wyoming Snapshot Day, there were:

- 4,000 WYLDCat sessions, nearly 30,000 searches, and 3,488 unique users
- 532 RBdigital Audiobook checkouts
- 202 RBdigital magazine checkouts
- 288 cloudLibrary checkouts
- 855 Chadwyck-Healey Literature Collections sessions
- 30 sessions and 38 document views (of 18 unique reports) in CQ Researcher
- 478 visitors to Culturegrams (between October 7 and October 8)
- 273 sessions and 1,148 queries to Encyclopedia Britannica Online (all versions)
- 2,102 sessions, 5,554 searches and 1,026 retrievals in Gale
- eight logins to Pronunciator

In addition, there were 1,350 hits to the GoWYLD Portal page from 486 unique users, and 468 views of the subject guides.
EBOOKS EMBARGO COULD AFFECT LIBRARY LENDING

You may have heard news lately about library ebook lending. Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers plans to restrict library access to ebooks. The publisher will limit libraries to purchasing only one copy of each new ebook title for the first eight weeks after its release. Additional copies will then be available for two years of access at library pricing. Because this is a publisher-level restriction, it will affect any ebook or audiobook platform. For Wyoming libraries, this means patrons could experience long waits for the latest MacMillan titles in cloudLibrary, RBDigital, and OverDrive. The latest press release from the American Library Association (ALA) notes that in just one month, their #eBooksForAll campaign has garnered more than 100,000 signatures from readers, authors, library staff, and patrons from all 50 states to condemn Macmillan Publishers’ plan to restrict library access to eBooks.

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: IN CONTEXT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Join Wyoming State Library Database Instruction Librarian Chris Van Burgh for “In Context Middle and High School,” a recorded webinar looking at these Gale databases. Gale has introduced a new platform and some title changes she’ll go over. Let’s get those students back into research!

Intellectual Freedom

BE READY FOR A BOOK CHALLENGE

The best time to decide how to handle a book challenge is before it ever happens. The Wyoming State Library has many intellectual freedom titles in our professional collection. Search our catalog or contact Library Development Manager Brian Greene for help at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6339.

Janice Grover-Roosa, Director of the Western Wyoming Community College Hay Library, is the Wyoming Library Association’s Intellectual Freedom Advisor. She provides services to association members and all Wyoming libraries on questions of intellectual freedom. Contact her for help at librarian@westernwyoming.edu or (307) 382-1701.

The American Library Association’s Office of Intellectual Freedom has a wealth of resources on their site both to be ready if someone wants a book removed from your shelves and to respond if it happens.

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Government Documents

CREEPSY PATENTS FOR HALLOWEEN

Halloween is right around the corner, so this month the Wyoming State Library dug deep into the final resting place for U.S. Patents — the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Database. Here we found some creepy and disturbing patents to help get you in the mood for this season of chilling goosebumps!

**DOLL URN**
(U.S. Patent No. 7,627,935). This patent was granted in 2009 to Deborah R. Ostrum. This handy device keeps your loved ones close after passing on. This adorable urn even comes with a voice recorder/player for realistic sound!

**METHOD OF PRESERVING THE DEAD**
(U.S. Patent No. 748,284). Patented in 1908 by Joseph Karwowski. Never want to be without your departed loved one? Simply enclose them in sodium silicate and glass!

**MEMORIAL URN**
(U.S. Patent No.9,610,207). Patented in 2017 by Marc A. Fort. Here is a more realistic way to display your loved one’s ashes. Simply place their ashes into this retainer bearing an image that resembles your loved one and hang on the wall.

**APPARATUS FOR SIGNALLING FROM GRAVES**
(U.S. Patent 766,171). Patented in 1904 by Edwin S. Crosby and Ell Ray Henry. This handy device provides for the means to signal both audibly and visually that the departed are not truly departed. Good to have, just in case...

**BUBBLING BRAIN NOVELTY**
(U.S. Patent No.6,193,578). Patented in 2001 by Thomas Carl Weber. On a lighter note, here is a fun way to house your fish! House your fish in a unique home while impressing your guests with your “Mad Scientist” décor!
People News

CROCKER NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Albany County Public Library Board of Directors has named Rachel Crocker as ACPL’s new Library Director. Crocker previously held the role of Assistant Library Director, and she served as Interim Library Director since May. Rachel joined the ACPL staff in January 2018.

“Working with the staff over the last 18 months to serve our community has been such a pleasure, and I’m thrilled to take on this new role,” Rachel said. “I look forward to working with the staff, board, and community to continue the library’s great work and to create a vision for how we can best serve and adapt to the growth and changes in Albany County.”

Rachel graduated with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wyoming and a master’s degree from Denver University. She formerly worked for Kansas State University teaching library instruction classes, doing community outreach, and conducting reference. She also worked at IREX, an international education nonprofit, facilitating discussion and leading planning to assist public libraries in eight countries.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Megan Benfield has joined the Central Wyoming College Library/Academic Resource Center as Librarian – Resource Management. She will complete her Master of Library and Information Science degree with a concentration in archives administration in December from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Rhonda Everman is departing the Goshen County Library. She is an interlibrary loan specialist who has been working for the library for three-and-a-half years.

Karen Kitchens celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the Wyoming State Library. Karen is the WSL’s State Publications Librarian.

Jennifer Kofoed, formerly the Circulation Manager at Converse County Library, has been hired as the new Manager at the Glenrock Branch Library. Jenni has a degree in education with an endorsement in library science as well as years of working in libraries. The library has increased their circulation team with the hire of Erin Wolfley, Cherish Nelson, and Brenda Huck. Also new on staff is Young Adult Librarian Jenn Butler, who has relocated.
from Chadron, where she received her degree in library science, and worked at the Reta E. King Library at Chadron State College.

Lisa Evans has joined the staff of the Converse County Library as a Circulation Clerk. “I love everything about our library,” she said, “the books, the people I work with, and our patrons.”

Barbara Wolter has retired from the Wyoming State Archives after almost 20 years. In her years of service, she has transferred literally millions of paper documents onto film and digital format, and from film to digital form. Quite a legacy!

Valencia Sherman is Carbon County Library System’s new Acquisitions Services Manager. Valencia was the Rawlins Library Manager for two-and-a-half years. She replaces Naomi Manley, who moved to California.

Leslie Tribble, Technical Services Manager at Park County Library in Cody, published her Adventure Guide to Cody this past summer. Garrett Randolph, Assistant Children’s Librarian at Park County Library, is a singer-songwriter and musician who released his debut full-length album, “Badlands: Concerning Postcards and Portraits of the American Dream,” in August.

Lindsay Hineman is now the Children’s Librarian at Converse County Library. Lindsay has lived in Douglas many years and worked as a daycare and preschool teacher for 10 years, then as a special education paraprofessional for eight.

Training

LIBRARY 2.019 MINI-CONFERENCE: EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

This year’s third free, online Library 2.019 mini-conference, “Emerging Technology,” will be held online on Wednesday, October 30, from 1-4 p.m. MDT. Learn what libraries are doing right now with cutting-edge technologies, what they’re planning next and how you can implement these ideas in your own organization. The call for proposals is now open.

Participants are encouraged to use hashtags #library2019 and #libraryemergingtech on their social media posts leading up to and during the mini-conference.
NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

The National Archives will host a free, virtual Genealogy Fair via live webcast on YouTube from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. MDT on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. The sessions offer family history research tools on Federal records for all skill levels.

Join thousands of family historians participating during the live event. No registration is needed.

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 that you can watch “At Your Leisure.”

These on-demand offerings caught our attention for October:

- One Book Wyoming 2019: Ernest Hemingway and Travel (Wyoming State Library)
- Serendipity, Tactility, and Community Library Research as a Practice of Wonder (Choice)
- Climate Conversations: Building a Unit with PBS LearningMedia (PBS)
- Sound Learning: Audiobooks in the Library to Support Literacy (School Library Connection)

SIX PICTURE BOOKS SELECTED FOR WYOMING READS 2020

It’s officially official: the six books for next year’s Wyoming Reads have been selected, and they are better (and funnier and cuter and cleverer and sweeter) than ever before!

- The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach
- Nobody Hugs a Cactus by Carter Goodrich
- Cake! by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnett
- El Chupacabras by Adam Rubin
- Once Upon a Goat by Dan Richards
- High Five by Adam Rubin

Wyoming Reads is a statewide celebration focusing on the joy of reading. During the 2019 celebrations in May, more than 7,500 students received a book they picked out to cherish and keep, donated by the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation.
Grants & Awards

**Code Club for Small & Rural Public Libraries**
**DEADLINE: October 31, 2019**
The Institute of Museum and Library Sciences is funding a grant to deliver all the resources necessary to run a code club in small and rural public libraries. Those resources include one-on-one training sessions, code club software, ongoing coaching and support, and Ozobot and Sphero coding robots. Fifty libraries will be selected to participate in this grant.

**Carnegie-Whitney Grant**
**DEADLINE: November 1, 2019**
The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to $5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

**Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries**
**DEADLINE: December 2, 2019**
Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) supports projects that strengthen the ability of small and/or rural libraries and archives to serve their communities and to build grantee capacity through participation in a community of practice. Awards will range from $10,000 to $50,000.

**NNLM Reading Club Book Kits**
**DEADLINE: Ongoing**
Library book clubs can add titles on critical health topics to their discussion list using free National Network of Libraries of Medicine Reading Club book kits now being offered by the NNLM MidContinental Region.

**Kids Need to Read**
**DEADLINE: Ongoing**
Kids Need to Read provides books, periodicals, and literacy resources to governmental agencies or 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations that administer literacy programs to disadvantaged children and adolescents. Organizations must serve at least 50% of children living at or below the national poverty rate. Applications not accepted during May, June, November, and December.

**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.
Book Reviews

That Pesky Pickle
Jamie Cannon, illus.
Gene Schrader
Independently published, 2019

I was instantly smitten with the darling pickle in a bow tie, socks, and pair of glasses — such a clever looking fellow! It was obvious that this book would be an adventurous read for both me and my daughters. The story had a pace that flowed really well and kept all of our attention as we journeyed along the ups and downs with “That Pesky Pickle.” Many of the aspects in the story are things my daughters and many other children love, such as adventures, treats, and making new friends.

That Pesky Pickle brought these things together in its own special way, and that is undoubtedly important for keeping kids involved and attentive to a story. The illustrations are delightful and have a nice balance of detail and room left for a child’s imagination to fill out. I find it an added bonus to a children’s book when children can add their own spin to illustrations and storylines, supplementing what they are seeing and hearing and That Pesky Pickle did just that. From my first look at the book I found myself thinking that this is a genuinely cute character that can continue to be developed for additional stories, and by the end of the story I was certain “That Pesky Pickle” would be well-suited for many adventures and making more friends along the way!

Robyn Hinds, Interlibrary Loan Technician
Wyoming State Library

News in Brief

Recruit Volunteers from Start to Finish
Need volunteers? Most libraries wouldn’t turn down a few more sets of helping hands. This blog post from Wild Apricot offers detailed strategies for pre-recruitment planning, starting to recruit, targeting potential volunteers, and post-recruitment steps.

Report: Public Libraries: A Community’s Connection for Career Services
Local public libraries serve an important role in the national workforce development system. Public libraries offer a range of career services, including résumé and cover letter support, job application assistance, interview preparation, training, and referrals to American Job Centers/other support services. A recent study from the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development chronicles the extent to which public libraries across the United States are providing these career services.