Natrona County Named ‘Outstanding Library’

The Wyoming Library Association (WLA) has named the Natrona County Library “Outstanding Library of the Year.”

The award is given for a significant special project completed within the last two years. In this case, the Natrona County Library’s Creation Station was recognized. The only Makerspace in Casper, the Creation Station transformed an aging and inflexible building into a dynamic and flexible space that provides the community with 21st century innovations and ingenuities.

Initiated by the Natrona County Library’s Executive Director Lisa Scroggins, the Creation Station Committee consisted of Kate Mutch, Betsy O’Neil, Jerry Jones, Gayla Peterman, Gary Collums, and Jennifer Beckstead. In addition, Natrona County Library Foundation Executive Director Beth Worthen worked tirelessly to secure the necessary funding to make the Creation Station a reality. The Creation Station was funded through private donations.

The library was honored at an award ceremony emceed by WLA President Kate Mutch on Wednesday, September 12 at 1 p.m. at the Natrona County Library.
WSL News

BRING PAW PATROL TO YOUR LIBRARY

Want a little more “pawsitivity” at your library? The Wyoming State Library has the Paw Patrol available to you. Enjoy this Animoto video to see these good dogs in action. The Paw Patrol know a few tricks that can help you with programming, parties, community engagement, advocacy, fundraising, making new friends, and more! To borrow the Paw Patrol costumes, contact Robyn Hinds at the WSL at robyn.hinds@wyo.gov or (307) 777-7282. If Robyn is unavailable, you may always call our main desk at (307) 777-6333.

STILL TIME TO JOIN SNAPSHOT DAY

Wyoming Snapshot Day will be held October 9, 2018, and if your library isn’t already signed up, we’d love to have you join us.

Have questions? We have a short FAQ on our blog, or you can contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915. She’ll be happy to answer your questions and add your library to the list.

Around the State

WHO HAS THE BEST JOB @ THE LIBRARY

Two Laramie County Library System employees were duking it out on the library’s blog as to who had the best job at their library. You can read their arguments yourself and decide:

- Robin Papaleka, Adult Programming Specialist
- Bobby Phillipps, Audiovisual Coordinator

Do you have the best job at YOUR library?

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.
A LIBRARY CARD UNLOCKS THE WORLD

When we checked at the midway point of Library Card Sign-up Month, Wyoming public libraries had already issued 1,045 new patron cards — well on the way to the September 2017 total of 2,384.

To mark this month’s celebration, we thought we’d showcase a gallery of Wyoming library cards. A Wyoming library public or community college library card opens up a world of resources. Not only can it be used at libraries across the state, it unlocks all the statewide GoWYLD.net electronic resources that enable language learning, early literacy, genealogy, academic research, and more.

Throughout September, be sure to follow #LibraryCardSignup on social media for fun activities and contests.

School Libraries

GET YOUR TICKET TO WYOMING INNOVATIONS IN LEARNING

The 2nd Annual Wyoming Innovations in Learning conference will be held November 7-9, 2018, at the Roundhouse Facilities in Evanston, Wyoming, and you can sign up now to attend. Registration is open until October 31: $40 until October 14, $50 from October 15-31.

The Innovations conference is an opportunity for educators to share and explore innovative teaching and learning practices for classrooms and distance learning environments, from kindergarten through higher education. They are still accepting applications for their Innovations Showcase. For more information contact Robin Grandpre at (307) 777-5315 or robin.grandpre1@wyo.gov.

APPLY FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Established in 1963, the National School Library of the Year Award from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) honors school libraries exemplifying implementation of AASL’s National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries. Monetary prize: $10,000. Deadline to apply is January 1, 2019.
NEW AASL STANDARDS CROSSWALKS AVAILABLE

The new AASL standards crosswalks between Future Ready Framework and ISTE have been released. These downloadable documents help educators align different sets of standards that are being used in their districts. Learn more and download the crosswalks.

‘REACHING OUT’ APPLICATION CLOSED

To allow adequate time for participants to request district approval for travel in time to attend the initial meeting, the application window for the “Reaching Out” professional development opportunity for school librarians closed early on September 14.

Trustees, Friends & Foundations

WYOMING BOARD AND DIRECTOR HANDBOOKS UPDATED

We’ve just freshened up our handbooks for boards and directors with updated links. These handy and informative manuals provide guidance on issues facing new and seasoned trustees and directors. Questions? Contact Library Development Manager Brian Greene at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6339.

HOW TO REACH PROBABLE LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

The report From Awareness to Funding: Voter Perceptions and Support of Public Libraries in 2018 reveals that compared to 2008, more voters think of libraries as hubs for connecting, learning, and skill-building. The not-so-good news: most don’t understand where library funding comes from, and they are less committed to supporting tax-based library funding than they were a decade ago. Learn how to reach your probable backers and solidify their support.
BROWSE SAMPLE LIBRARY POLICIES

The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) and Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) have launched a free online collection of various library policies from around the nation. Topics range from job descriptions to computer use policies and everything in between. Contribute your own policies by September 23, 2018, and have your library entered into a drawing for a $50 Demco gift certificate.

Calendar

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Academic Libraries

UW LIBRARIES TO HOLD OPEN EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

University of Wyoming Libraries has announced the first annual Open Education Symposium with keynote speaker Tanya Spilovoy, breakout sessions, and practitioner meetings. The symposium will be held from 12:00 to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, at the Coe Library in Laramie. For any questions related to the symposium, email scholcom@uwyo.edu.

Wyoming Library Association

CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE LIBRARY?

Our customers (patrons) are our bread and butter! At the 2018 Wyoming Library Association conference, Richard Landreth and Anna Street presented “Customer Service in the Library? Really?” They examined customer service with respect to diversity and generations in public and school library settings. View the slides.
Intellectual Freedom

BANNED BOOKS WEEK KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 23

Banned Books Week 2018 starts Sunday, September 23, and runs through Saturday, September 29. This year’s theme, “Banning Books Silences Stories,” is a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against the tide of censorship.

Typically held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship.

BANNED WEBSITES AWARENESS DAY

To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On Wednesday, September 26, AASL asks school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning.

JOIN THE DEAR BANNED AUTHOR LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN

This Banned Books Week (September 23-29), the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) is hosting a letter-writing campaign that celebrates stories that have made an impact. Dear Banned Author encourages readers to write to banned or challenged authors, sharing how their stories made a difference. Libraries are invited to host letter-writing programs during Banned Books Week. Readers are also encouraged to share their letters on social media using the hashtag #DearBannedAuthor and #BannedBooksWeek.
Databases & Electronic Resources

FEATURED GOWYLD RESOURCE: PROQUEST ARTS DATABASES

For September, we’re spotlighting ProQuest arts databases, available at GoWYLD.net, Wyoming’s source for premium online library resources. View the resource page, and visit the Proquest arts databases to learn more.

If you’ve never checked out this vast collection of informative material aimed at art students, historians, and creative types, you’re missing out. Search 21 databases for information about art, architecture, music, fashion design, cinema studies, philosophy, and other disciplines within the humanities.

Libraries should have received their mini-marketing kit by email to promote this resource to patrons. You can also find marketing materials on our web page under Information for Librarians. 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 (307) 777-5915 or susan.mark@wyo.gov.

WEBINAR TO FEATURE BOOKFLIX

Bookflix is a literacy resource for grades PreK-3 that pairs classic fictional video storybooks with related ebooks. Animation, audio, and interactive games are designed to reinforce core reading skills. Join Chris Van Burgh for a look at this terrific resource for public libraries, school, and home. Register now for this free webinar on Thursday, September 20, at 11:15 a.m. MDT.

Government Information

GPO RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, and this year’s theme is: “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.” The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has compiled a list of government document resources and publications on this topic. The goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase the number of individuals, families and communities that engage in emergency preparedness actions.
People News

**RICHARD LANDRETH NEW DIRECTOR OF LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY**

Richard Landreth joined Lincoln County Library System as its Director and Kemmerer Library Manager in mid-August. He came to Kemmerer after 24 years with Campbell County schools in northeast Wyoming where he was most recently the librarian for Westwood and Rozet libraries.

“When I saw they were looking for someone to join their organization, I knew immediately it was the place for me,” Richard said. “I’m happy to say I was right — between the board, the staff, and the communities, I couldn’t ask for a better spot. This library system has accomplished a lot for the people in Lincoln County, and we’ll just keep building on that.”

Richard received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and holds a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University. He strongly believes in giving back to his profession as an active member and Past president of the Wyoming Library Association.

**CASPER COLLEGE BIDS GOODBYE TO DIRECTOR BRAD MATTHIES**

Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library is saying goodbye to Director Brad Matthies. Brad has accepted a position as Associate Dean of the Foley Library at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. His last day at Casper College is September 28.

Brad has been in academic libraries for 17 years total. For the last six, he’s been at Casper College where he updated library services and spaces, doubling patron gate count over a five-year period.

“There are too many Wyoming librarians for me to thank individually,” Brad said of his time in Wyoming. “I’ll definitely miss working with many of you — especially those of you who are in higher education, the WYLD organization, and at the State Library. Wyoming has a great group of public and academic librarians that support each other on a level that I haven’t seen elsewhere.”
PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Sandy Barstow recently retired after 30 years at the University of Wyoming Libraries. Originally hired in 1988 as Head of Acquisitions, she also served as Assistant Dean, and most recently, Head of Collection Development.

Carrie Lucas is leaving the Laramie County Library System. Carrie started part-time work at LCLS in 2007 and, after earning her MLIS, became the Assistant Manager, Youth & Outreach Services and Children’s Librarian in 2011. She developed LCLS early literacy mascots, ELSIE and EDDIE, and because of her work and vision, LCLS opened its Early Literacy Center in 2013. Carrie was named a Mover and Shaker in 2015 by Library Journal.

TOMMY THE TURTLE BOOKS PREPARE CHILDREN FOR EMERGENCIES

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Prepare Wyoming team is offering a free resource for libraries around the state to encourage literacy and help children become better prepared for emergencies. Their free Tommy the Turtle books help children understand what to do during a flood or tornado event. Prepare Wyoming is encouraging libraries to request some of these free books to have as part of your library collection or in other locations where children can access them.

Youth Services

RIVERTON LIBRARY LAUNCHES ONLINE STORYTIME

Does the little one have a sore throat and sniffles and can’t go to the library? The Riverton Branch Library has you covered. Their children’s department has taken storytime online on their YouTube channel. They’ll post once a month a Toddler Move and Groove, and a Preschool Tales and Tunes. Enjoy their first two offerings here and here, and subscribe to their channel for future installments.

SUPERCHARGED STORYTIMES FACILITATOR TRAINING

In November 2018, WebJunction will host a four-week online training program preparing library staff to be facilitators for Supercharged Storytimes, a research-based program that helps storytime providers enhance children’s early literacy development. Learn how to lead a group of your staff, peers, or volunteers through the newly updated and expanded Supercharged Storytimes self-paced course (available in October). Learn more about this opportunity, and apply by October 19, 2018.
STORK STORYTIME LIBRARIAN TOOLKIT

The North Liberty Library has developed the Stork Storytime Reads toolkit to focus on the expecting family, encouraging the development of a daily reading routine before baby (and chaos) arrives. The Stork Storytime kit offers expecting parents and caregivers opportunities to learn about early literacy skills and connect with resources in their communities, empowering them to be more confident in their roles as a child’s first teacher, right from the very beginning.

DON’T-MISS BLOG POSTS FROM ALSC

Via August 2018’s The Scoop newsletter from the Idaho Commission for Libraries, a monthly e-mail newsletter containing fun, inspiring, and innovative ideas for library youth services.

Check out these great tips about serving diverse patrons in the library, written by librarians in the field for the Association for Library Services for Children (ALSC) Blog:

- How to Address the Pre- and Early Literacy Needs of Young Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired
- Diversity in Children Services via Día Programs!
- Working with Teen Parents at Your Library: Where to Begin
- Serving Children in Crisis

Training

LIBRARY 2.018: SOCIAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN 21ST CENTURY

The third Library 2.018 mini-conference, Social Crisis Management in a 21st Century World, will be held on Wednesday, October 17, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. MDT. Join for a series of conversations on how libraries have developed, responded, and championed programs and services to address social crises. What’s the new normal for libraries in a world of social and economic disparity? Register for this free, online event to attend live or to receive the recording links afterwards. The conference is calling for session proposals from library professionals, employers, LIS students until September 28.

Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: follow the Wyoming State Library on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter.
ONLINE TRAINING ‘AT YOUR LEISURE’

Each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch “At Your Leisure.” We hope you enjoy these ones that caught our attention for September:

- Assistive Technology: What it is and How to Use it (Center on Technology & Disability)
- Scratch: Visual Coding in the Cloud (Technology & Innovation in Education).

Events

POP-UP DISPLAY TO COMMEMORATE 19TH AMENDMENT

Request a free pop up display, Rightfully Hers, from the National Archives to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. Spotlighting this landmark moment in American history and what it took to secure voting rights for women, this pop up display contains simple messages exploring the history of the 19th amendment’s ratification, women’s voting rights before and after the 19th amendment, and its impact today. Women’s suffrage takes on special significance in Wyoming, the first state to grant women the right to vote.

SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Speaking of voting, participating in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) on September 25 is a fun way to get your library involved in voter registration efforts and to train your
staff about the library’s role in local elections. Staff will be able to talk about the elections in a meaningful and informative way, and, through the volunteers involved in NVRD, the library will be better connected to local political groups and individuals, reinforcing the library’s significant role in democracy.

**OCTOBER IS HEALTH LITERACY MONTH**

*Health Literacy Month* is a time for organizations and individuals to promote the importance of understandable health information. Over the years, libraries, health care organizations, community services, health literacy coalitions, government agencies, literacy programs, universities, and many others have hosted a wide range of Health Literacy Month events.

**Grant Opportunities**

**Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education**

**DEADLINE: September 30, 2018**

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 during the year. The next deadline is September 30, 2018, for continuing education events starting no earlier than November 1, 2018.

**Brightly Classroom Makeover**

**DEADLINE: September 30, 2018**

Brightly has a classroom giveaway for back-to-school. Enter for a chance to win 50 new books for your students and a $500 gift card to give your classroom a makeover.

**Whole Kids Foundation Gardens Grant**

**DEADLINE: October 15, 2018**

The Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to helping kids eat better and enjoy it. The foundation will provide $2,000 grants to support new or existing edible school gardens.

**Whole Kids Foundation Bee Grant**

**DEADLINE: October 15, 2018**

Grants and/or equipment support for an educational bee hive for a K-12 school or non-profit organization.

**Carnegie-Whitney Grant**

**DEADLINE: November 2, 2018**

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides grants 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.
**Big Lots Foundation**  
**DEADLINE: January 1, 2019**  
Big Lots Foundation funds support programs that will enhance the lives of children and families in the areas of hunger, housing, healthcare, and education. Priority will be given to programs serving women and children. Applicants must have a 501(c)3 public nonprofit status and be located in the United States near Big Lots stores or distribution centers.

**Wish You Well Foundation**  
**DEADLINE: Ongoing**  
To support adult and family literacy in the United States, Wish You Well Foundation is fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants range in size from $200 to $10,000. Institutions must have 501(c)3 status.

**Kids Need to Read**  
**DEADLINE: Ongoing**  
In order to increase literacy in low-income neighborhoods and schools, Kids Need to Read aims to provide inspiring books to underfunded schools, libraries, and literacy programs. They believe that every child should have access to high-quality reading material, and that this access will inspire growth for them and their communities. Institutions are eligible if they are a governmental agency or 501(c)3 tax exempt organization that serve at least 50% of children at or below the national poverty rate.

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**National News**

**DigitalLearn Offers Courses on Finding Reliable Health Information**  
DigitalLearn.org, the Public Library Association’s collection of self-directed tutorials for end-users to increase their digital literacy, now features a course about researching health topics online. Developed in partnership with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, the new Online Health Information course helps learners understand and evaluate health information.

**Voting Open for the 2018 Teens’ Top Ten**  
Teens all around the world can start casting their votes for their favorite titles for the 2018 Teens’ Top Ten now through October 13.

**IFLA Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dyslexia**  
These guidelines help libraries provide services to persons with dyslexia with ideas, examples, and suggestions on how to recognize library visitors with dyslexia, how to approach them and how to improve the library services.

**ALA Files Amicus Brief in Support of Net Neutrality Protections**  
The American Library Association has argued in support of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) strong, enforceable rules to protect and preserve the open internet with an amici filing with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
Book Reviews

**Floating**
Karen Henderson, illus. Lisa Nicholas
AuthorHouse, 2017

*Floating*, by Karen Henderson is a relaxing and fun story about a family-time tradition. The author happily recalls memories of the sights and sounds of the river and takes the reader along, describing in sweet detail all of her favorite critters and insects. The rhyming lines and cadence give the story a cool and meandering feel, just like floating down a nice, refreshing river.

The illustrations by Lisa Nicholas lend the story a touch of nostalgia, as if each moment depicted were a still-image from a child’s memory, intimate and playful.

*Floating* is a fun adventure that highlights the magic of time spent out in nature, sharing laughs and splashes with your loved ones!

*Angela Wolff, Reference Librarian*
*Laramie County Library System*

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**Eve**
* Betsy Bernfeld
* Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2018

The poems in Betsy Orient Bernfeld’s *Eve* are strong and varied. This collection of poetry is an engaging and emotional read. It is full of history, fragile and enduring connections, the natural world, and both the soft touch and resilient strength of the feminine. Some of the poems explore the past, others speak of the present moment, and some examine what-if scenarios, both historically and personally. There is a satisfying balance between specific details and the deeper emotional currents. There is hope and loss, tender beauty and heavy tragedy. All against the backdrop of scenes like bright gold aspen leaves “like candles lit” and the “blue green sky to fill my wide blank eyes.” Whether she is analyzing a work of art said to be representative of female sexuality, reviewing evidence in court, bleeding in the wilderness, counting the miles along a beaten path, or building a house with stained glass windows, Betsy Orient Bernfeld has the poet’s ability to make the familiar seem strange and the strange seem familiar.

*Rykki Neale, Children’s Librarian*
*LaBarge Branch Library*