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Remember to attend the WYLD Wednesday: About Directors Station Reports webinar on Wed., August

Reminder

All submissions to the Outrider are due the last day of the preceding month for each issue. The Outrider deadline for the September issue is 5 p.m., Aug. 31. Send all submissions to Tina Lyles at tina.lyles@wyo.gov.

First Lady donates books with Scholastic Reading Ambassadors

First Lady Carol Mead and publisher Scholastic donated over 500 books to a summer reading program in Laramie County this week. Mrs. Mead partnered with the Scholastic Reading Ambassadors program to encourage children to work on their literacy skills over the summer. Mrs. Mead is one of 44 first spouses nationwide to participate in this effort.

The First Lady said that education and literacy are priorities for Governor Mead and herself. “We’re interested in good outcomes for children. We believe a whole host of social problems can be addressed through teaching children, through education, through literacy and so anything we can do to improve literacy in the state of Wyoming we want to do.”

The Scholastic Reading Ambassadors program aims to provide third, fourth and fifth graders books to keep reading proficiency up over the summer. The books are for the children to keep. Mrs. Mead said the books were anticipated to arrive at the end of the school year, but flooding delayed their arrival. “We decided that we still wanted those books to get in the hands of young kids and the county library was a logical way to achieve that because it has a summer reading program,” the First Lady said.

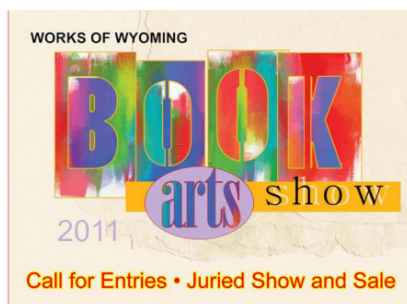


Laramie County Librarian, Lucie Osborn accepting the donation of books from Scholastic with the Governor's daughter, Mary Mead and first lady, Carol Mead.

“We are thrilled to have these wonderful books to put into the hands of 9 to 12 year old kids so they can keep their reading skills up over the summer,” Laramie County Librarian Lucie Osborn said. “Reading throughout the summer helps kids maintain their skills and start out the new school year ahead of the game. We thank Scholastic and Carol Mead, Wyoming’s First Lady for the donation and for helping kids keep reading through the summer.”

The Scholastic Reading Ambassadors program has been around for several years and the First Lady said she will participate in the future. “It is our hope that next year we will have the books in hand earlier in the year and can disseminate them around the state,” Mrs. Mead said.

Book Arts Show Call for Entries



Works of Wyoming invites artists to submit hand crafted book arts created either as a small edition or a one-of-a-kind object. A broad range of works will be accepted including artist books, sculptural books, book objects, altered books, handmade 'zines, broadsides, ephemera, etc.

Entries must be received by no later than 5 p.m. on August 11, 2011. Each entry must include an artist statement along with an application form, found at: <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101911316762-127/2011+Books+Arts+Show+Application.pdf>. No more than six pieces can be accepted from each artist.

Entries can be submitted in person at the Works of Wyoming gallery in Laramie, Wyo., on weekdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. All works delivered to the gallery will remain in the gallery through the selection process. To enter via email, submit to wow@uwyo.edu. Digital images must be in jpeg or pdf format (minimum 250 dpi, RGB, maximum 8 MB) and must sufficiently document the piece. To mail entries, send a CD with digital images of the piece(s) to the Works of Wyoming Gallery, 710 Garfield St., Suite 271, Laramie, WY 82070.

For more information, go to www.worksofwyoming.org, 307.742.6574 or wow@uwyo.edu.

Remembering long-time Employee of Big Horn County Library



Friend, employee and volunteer of the Basin Branch of the Big Horn County Library, Marjorie Creech passed away suddenly on Monday, July 18. Marj was employed by the library for 20 years and a volunteer for many years before that. She was born in 1925 and among her loves were horses, walking and the library.

She kept the library running by knowing more about where the books went than anyone else, keeping the plants watered, weeding out old volumes and delighting in the patrons – from children who enjoy the library just a little too much to stay silent, to adults who still remember loving the place as children.

Front Porch Networking at Library Leadership



Library Leadership Institute attendees, left to right: Megan Herold, Cynthia Tving, Michelle Humber, Amy Cabill, Anita Weisheit, Chris Van Burgh, Rebecca Steffen, Jennifer McIntosh, Katrina Brown, Mary Wegber, Sharon Porter, Katie Bray, Meghan Kelly, Darcy Acord, Karen Jean Funk, Sue Hollingshead, Rebecca Jones and Jep Enck.

Twelve attendees and three grad mentors took part in the 2011 Library Leadership Institute at the TA Guest Ranch outside of Buffalo, Wyo.

Attendees were chosen through a competitive application process. They represented small and large public, branch, academic and school libraries.

Jep Enck of Enck Resources facilitated a day filled with information and activities focusing on team building, communication, work/life balance, and leadership styles. Evenings were spent on the Ranch House porch, a beautiful setting for networking.

Amy Cahill said "I feel like I have learned so many skills and have mentors and hand-outs as resources when I have questions."

Time was also spent discussing the future of the library leadership institute. Team leaders stepped up in the areas of fundraising, communication, and mentoring.

Library briefs

Wyoming Snapshot Day just two months away

The next Wyoming Snapshot Day is on Tuesday, Oct. 11, and we'd love to have your library participate! On Snapshot Day, Wyoming libraries collect patron stories and comments, photos, video and statistics to show how big an impact libraries have every single day. Learn more at <http://wyomingsnapshot.weebly.com/>.

If your library would like to participate, contact Susan Mark at smark@wyo.gov or 307-777-5915, or fill out a brief survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/wyomingsnapshot.

FY10 public library circulation drops slightly

Data from the WYLD system shows Wyoming public library circulation down for FY10 was 5.1 million, down slightly from 5.2 million in FY09. Of those transactions, 1.7 million (33.6%) were children's materials. The 23 systems held 2.8 million copies in their collections as of June 30.

Wyoming Library Laws 2011 now available

The latest edition of *Wyoming Library Laws* has been posted on the State Library's publications page at will.state.wy.us/slpub. A print copy will be mailed to each county library. This document is a compilation of state statutes that have an impact on libraries.

Books for school librarians from the WSL professional collection

Students will soon be back in their classrooms and visiting their school libraries. The Wyoming State Library has a number of titles for teacher-librarians and other school library media center staff. Below is a sample of newer titles – many more are available:

Administering the school library media center, 5th ed. Betty J. Morris. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

Assessing for learning : librarians and teachers as partners, 2nd ed., rev. and expanded. Violet H. Harada and Joan M. Yoshina. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

Being indispensable : a school librarian's guide to becoming an invaluable leader. Ruth Toor and Hilda K. Weisburg. Chicago: American Library Association, 2011.

Choosing Web 2.0 tools for learning and teaching in a digital world. Pam Berger and Sally Trexler ; foreword by Joyce Valenza. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

Empowering learners: guidelines for school library media programs. Chicago, Ill.: American Association of School Librarians, c2009.

Guide for developing and evaluating school library programs 7th ed. Nebraska Educational Media Association. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

The resilient school library. Carol A. Doll and Beth Doll. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

Request books through interlibrary loan using your personal library card and PIN or through the VDX system. Contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or 307-777-5915 with any questions.

Pew Internet offers data on teens and technology

The Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project offers a variety of reports and data sets that examine the use of technology by teens age 12-17. Learn more at www.pewinternet.org/Topics/teens.

Job openings

Powell Branch Librarian,
Powell Library,
Powell, WY

Administrative Services Manager,
Albany County
Public Library,
Laramie, WY

Children's Specialist,
Big Piney Library,
Big Piney, WY

Carol McMurry Library and Continuing Education Grants are Available

The Carol McMurry Library Endowment was established in 2000 within the Wyoming Community Foundation to provide support to Wyoming librarians and publicly accessible Wyoming libraries. Grants are available for education and training, library resources, and library foundation development. Grants to libraries are awarded three times a year.

Grants to individuals, up to \$1,500 per year, are awarded every other month. For more information, please see the website (<http://will.state.wy.us/mcmurry/index.html>) or contact Jamie Markus at the State Library (jamie.markus@wyo.gov, 777-5914).

MPLA now accepting applications for 2012 leadership institute

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) 2012 Leadership Institute will be held May 6-11, 2012, at the YMCA of the Rockies in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. The Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan, who has over 25 years experience in leadership development and has been elected to the 2012-13 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA).

Application requirements include employment in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region, current membership of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations (Wyoming Library Association is one), and a minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience. Cost is \$550 for MPLA members, \$650 for non-members.

Learn more at www.mpla.us/leadership. Application Deadline is November 1, 2011. To apply, download and complete the application and return electronically as an attachment to Judy Zelenski, MPLA Executive Secretary and Leadership Institute Coordinator: execsecretary@mpla.us

2010-11 Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study results released

The American Library Association has officially released the results of the 2010-2011 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study report at www.ala.org/plinternet-funding. This report assesses public access to computers, the Internet, and Internet-related services in U.S. public libraries, and the impact of library funding changes on connectivity, technology deployment, and sustainability. The full survey report, including state data, is available at <http://plinternetsurvey.org>.

More than half of preschool children are read to every day

From *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2011*: in 2007, 55 percent of children ages 3-5 who were not yet in kindergarten were read to daily by a family member. Parental education was a major factor: 74 percent of children whose mothers had at least a bachelor's degree were read to every day. In comparison, daily reading occurred for 55 percent of children whose mothers had some college education, 39 percent of children whose mothers had a high school diploma or equivalent but no further education, and 31 percent of children whose mothers had less than a high school diploma. Reading rates were also higher for families with incomes 200 percent or more of poverty level, for two-parent households and for White, non-Hispanic and Asian, non-Hispanic children.

America's Children, 2011 is a compendium of indicators depicting the latest data on today's children and recent trends, prepared by the Federal Forum on Child and Family Statistics. The National Center for Education Statistics is one of 22 federal agencies that contributed to the annual report. The 15th in an ongoing series, *America's Children, 2011*, presents 41 key indicators on important aspects of children's lives. The report features indicators in seven domains— family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health—as well as a special feature on adoption. The full report may be found at childstats.gov.

Discover Earth Opportunities for Public Librarians: Apply to host a traveling exhibit

The Lunar and Planetary Institute is pleased to announce that the American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications to host an exciting new travelling exhibition! In addition to the exhibit itself, this project is accompanied by a wealth of resources and opportunities — including a new Explore! module!

A link to the application and further information is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/discoverearth/index.cfm>.

Ten public libraries will be selected to host an interactive exhibition called Discover Earth: A Century of Change. Discover Earth will tour from January 2012 to December 2013, visiting each of the ten selected sites for a period of eight weeks. The exhibition requires approximately 500-750 square feet of space for optimal display. Each site will be awarded a grant of \$1,000 to support public programs related to the exhibition. Application deadline: September 2, 2011.

August

Please contact Jamie Markus at jamie.markus@wyo.gov if you have any questions about the events listed on this calendar.

	1	2	3 9-10 a.m., What's Happening with Genre Headings?, <i>webinar</i> 11-12 a.m., Introduction to Web Accessibility: Section 508 Compliance, <i>webinar</i>	4 11-12 p.m., Microsoft Donation Program: How Does it Work?, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Ten Tips for Writing Well with Dixie Darr (LE@D), <i>webinar</i>	5	6
7	8	9 12-1 p.m., Math, Science & More (Booklist), <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Turning Stress into Power, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Cuddle Up & Read: Storytimes for Pregnant and Parenting Teens, <i>webinar</i>	10 9-10 a.m., Google+, <i>webinar</i>	11 10-11 a.m., SLJ Fall Nonfiction Announcements, <i>webinar</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 10-11 a.m., Breezing Along with the RML, <i>webinar</i> 11-12 p.m., The Focused Leader, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Grant-seeking Basics, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., DIY Digital Assets: Creation, Implementation, Access, <i>webinar</i>	18 11:15-12 p.m., Discover Resources for Wyoming Information and History, <i>Wyoming State Library webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Using Technology for Time Management, <i>webinar</i>	19	20
21	22 9-10 a.m., Mixing in Math: Enhancing story times, crafts, displays and family programs with math, <i>webinar</i>	23 12-1 p.m., Twitter 101, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., YA Announcements: Fall 2011, <i>webinar</i>	24 9-10 a.m., Birds Do It, Bees Do It: Sexual Health Resources, <i>webinar</i> 9-10 a.m., WYLD Wednesday: About Director's Station Reports, <i>Wyoming State Library webinar</i> 10-11 a.m., Harnessing the Power of Total Confidence, <i>webinar</i>	25 1-2 p.m., Worse Than Death? Practical Tips on Public Speaking for Library Personnel, <i>webinar</i>	26	27
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