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WYLD Wednesdays continue. Be sure to learn more about the changes in store for WYLD eAudiobooks on June 22nd from 9 to 10 a.m.

Reminder

All submissions to the Outrider are due the last day of the preceding month for each issue. The Outrider deadline for the July issue is 5 p.m., June 30. Send all submissions to Tina Lyles at tina.lyles@wyo.gov.



Fort Washakie School and Community Librarian, Robin Levin received the Arch Coal Golden Apple Award this year.

Golden Apple for Fort Washakie School and Community Center Librarian Robin Levin

Robin Levin, the librarian at the Fort Washakie School and Community Library recently received a Golden Apple Award from the Arch Coal Foundation.

“Golden Apple recipients rank among the top scorers in the Arch Coal teacher recognition program, second only to recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award, the foundation’s highest honor,” Arch Coal Inc. vice president Greg Schaefer said in a press release.

State librarian Lesley Boughton nominated

Levin for the award. Levin then had to complete an application that included a letters of recommendation and essays on topics including her philosophy of education.

Levin was not recognized by the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award, but was recognized in the second round of awards.

Eight to ten Wyoming teachers receive the Golden Apple Award each year.

Levin is the first Wyoming librarian to be recognized by the Arch Coal Foundation.

New Wyoming History website, www.wyohistory.org

WyoHistory.org, a new, searchable encyclopedia of Wyoming history sponsored by the Wyoming State Historical Society, is now online in its early version.

Currently the site includes approximately 75 articles on subjects such as Elwood Mead and Wyoming Water Law, the writing of the Wyoming Constitution, the train robber Bill Carlisle, construction of the Burlington Railroad, development of the gas fields on the Pinedale Anticline, the natural history of the Green River Valley, Buffalo Soldiers in Wyoming, histories of Sheridan and Cody, a biography of Episcopal missionary John Roberts, and much more. Long-term plans are for a formal site launch with substantial, statewide publicity when the site reaches 300 articles, probably in late 2012.

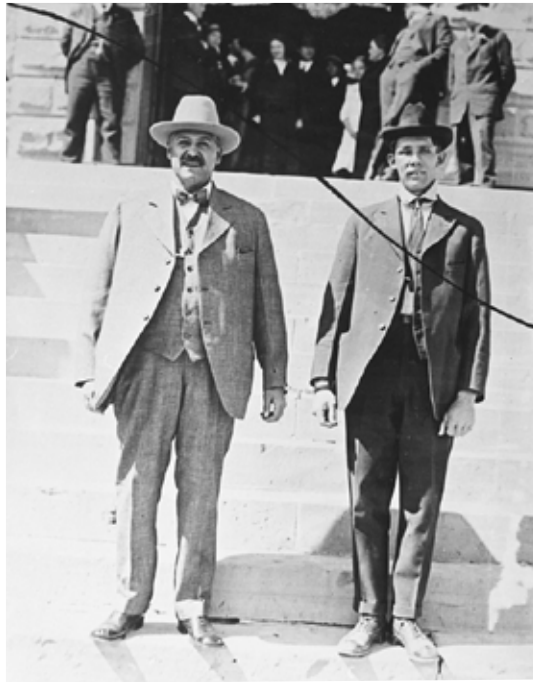
Articles for the site are being written by paid professional writ-

ers with, in most cases, expertise already in the subjects.

Some articles are also being written by interns at places such as the State Historic Preservation Office and in a few cases by UW students in Phil Roberts' senior public history seminar. Nearly every article is illustrated with high-quality historical photographs.

The Wyoming Historical Society executive committee started working on WyoHistory.org in March 2010. Since then, project director and WSHS member, Tom Rea has raised more than \$50,000 for the project from both public and private funds.

Rea says he hopes everyone will find the design appealing and the site easy to navigate. He welcomes comments, tips and thoughts on what not to miss in Wyoming's past. You can email him at editor@wyohistory.org.



Bill Carlisle, right, and his captor Sheriff Rubie Rivera, on the steps of the Carbon County courthouse in Rawlins, 1916. (Courtesy Carbon County Museum.)

Library Research Service takes a new look at public libraries and technology

In spring 2010, Colorado's Library Research Service (LRS) repeated its observational study, first done in 2008, *U.S. Public Libraries and the Use of Web Technologies*, visiting nearly 700 library websites across the country to evaluate their web presences. The 2010 study identified new web technologies and tracked changes in what libraries are adopting, and also looked at the characteristics of those libraries.

The 2010 study showed that libraries' use of social media sites took off while adoption of earlier tools including blogs has slowed, and new options such as SMS reference have not yet had a chance to gain much traction. Most growth was concentrated in the largest libraries, where adoption of new technologies increased at a faster rate than in smaller libraries. More libraries seem to be experimenting with new technologies, with the number of what LRS classifies as "Early Adopters" rising. Early Adopters reported greater increases in circulation and visits, even after adjusting for staffing and resources. However it is not

clear whether the new technologies are driving some of their success, or if their prior successes have allowed them to adopt and maintain new technologies more readily. See the results of both the 2008 and 2010 studies at www.lrs.org/public/webtech/.

Horizon Report for K-12 educational technologies released

The New Media Consortium's (NMC) Horizon Project looks at new and emerging technologies that are likely to have an impact on teaching, learning, research and creative expression. Just out from them is a report specifically on trends and emerging technologies for students in K-12. Key trends that emerged are that sense-making and the ability to evaluate information is paramount, and that digital literacy is less about tools and more about thinking.

On the near horizon (less than one year) for K-12 adoption are cloud computing and mobile technologies. Two to three years out, game-based learning and open content are likely to have an impact. Projected for four to five years is the adoption of learning analytics and personal learning environments. Read the full report at www.nmc.org/publications/horizon.

❖ Library briefs

Reader's advisory books from the Wyoming State Library collection

Summer reading is in swing. Last year more than 24,000 patrons of all ages participated in a Wyoming public library summer reading program. If they're walking through the doors in droves asking you what to read next, try one of these titles from the WSL professional collection. All are available to you through interlibrary loan:

A few good books : using contemporary readers' advisory strategies to connect readers with books / Stephanie L. Maatta. New York : Neal-Schuman Publishers, c2010.

Integrated advisory service : breaking through the book boundary to better serve library users / Jessica E. Moyer, editor. Santa Barbara, Calif. : Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

Nonfiction readers' advisory / edited by Robert Burgin. Westport, Conn. : Libraries Unlimited, 2004.

Readers' advisory for children and 'tweens / Penny Peck. Santa Barbara, Calif. : Libraries Unlimited, c2010.

The readers' advisory guide to genre fiction / Joyce G. Saricks. 2nd ed. Chicago : American Library Association, 2009.

The readers' advisory guide to nonfiction / Neal Wyatt. Chicago : American Library Association, 2007.

Readers' advisory service in the public library / Joyce G. Saricks. 3rd ed. Chicago : American Library Association, 2005.

Serving teens through readers' advisory / Heather Booth. Chicago : American Library Association, 2007.

The Wyoming State Library maintains a collection of library science materials intended to provide practical information of use in your libraries. Questions about the professional collection or suggestions for purchases may be directed to Susan Mark, susan.mark@wyo.gov or 307-777-5915.

School librarians are the "go-to" people for digital content

From the American Library Association: School librarians have been identified as the "go-to" people for digital content in a recently published report by the national education non-profit group, Project Tomorrow. The report, "The New 3 E's of Education: Enabled, Engaged and Empowered - How Today's Educators are Advancing a New Vision for Teaching and Learning," shares the teacher, librarian and administrator findings from the group's Speak Up 2010 survey.

The survey finds that the role of the school librarian is increasingly focused on the use of digital content in the classroom. In many schools, the school librarian has the responsibility for identifying, evaluating and recommending digital resources to teachers. Of the 2,125 school librarians surveyed:

- 78 percent identify websites for classroom use,
- 56 percent create collections of resources for curriculum support, and
- 47 percent find specific digital content, podcasts and videos to support classroom lessons.

With the increased variety and depth of the digital resources available for classroom use, librarians are also enabling and empowering teachers' skills with digital content:

- 85 percent of school librarians answer questions about technology tools,
- 66 percent participate with teachers in professional learning communities, and
- 33 percent train teachers how to locate and evaluate digital content.

Learn more and download the full report at www.tomorrow.org/.

Job

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ming Librarian,**
Sweetwater County
Library System,
Green River, WY

Reader's Advisory Program a Success!

The Get On the Bus: Reader's Advisory program covered a variety of topics. Thank you to all of the wonderful presenters and to those of you who participated in the live sessions.



Spring is a busy time so if you have not had a chance to view the programs, there is still time. All 10 programs will remain at <http://getonthebuswyoming.wordpress.com/> for the next six months. Each page includes the webinar archived as well as links to helpful websites or reading lists developed by the presenters. (Please note: there is a new reading list posted to the Paranormal Fiction page that did not get posted originally)

Also available for loan are the great Reader's Advisory titles that Susan has ordered at the State Library. Integrated Advisory Service may be of particular interest to those of you wanting to strengthen your advisory service with the music, movie and digital components of your collection. Check out Library Journal columnist, Matthew Moyer, as he tests the waters of Music Advisory at <http://bit.ly/i4c33v>

Winners are listed on the next page.

June

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


5	6	7 9-10 a.m., Providing Services to People with Disabilities: Creating a Welcoming Environment, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Ten Tips for Using Social Media, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., An Introduction to the Library Support Staff Certification, <i>webinar</i>	8 9-10 a.m., WYLD Wednesday: Whet your WYLD Appetite, <i>Wyoming State Library webinar</i> 10-11:15 a.m., A Tour of Four Library Journal New Landmark Libraries, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., New Lessons in Library Leadership, <i>webinar</i>	9 7-1 p.m., Yale Library Research Education Symposium: Change and Tensions in Teaching and Technology, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Copyright Law Update 2011: Ebooks, Google Books, Patron Requests and New International Developments, <i>webinar</i>	10	11
12	13	14 (registration deadline), Turning the Page 2.0: A 6 Week Advocacy Course, <i>webinar</i> 11:30 -12:30 p.m., Nuts and Bolts of Social Media, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Cataloging Efficiencies That Make a Difference, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Libraries are Essential: Building an Ongoing Connection, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., What's New in Audiobooks, <i>webinar</i>	15 1-2 p.m., Breezing Along with the RML, <i>webinar</i>	16 9-10:30 a.m., An Overview of Working with Senior Patrons and Technology, <i>webinar</i> 11-12 p.m., Craft Essentials, <i>webinar</i> 2:30 -3:30 p.m. WYLDcat Members Annual Business Meeting, web conferencing	17	18

Reader's Advisory Stars:

The following readers won \$25 Amazon Gift Certificates:

Appeal Characteristics	Katie Bray	Carbon County Library System
RA on the Fly	April Szuch	Natrona County Public Library
Indirect RA	Cindy Moore	Sweetwater County Library System
RA in GoWYLD	Anita Weisheit	Sheridan County Library System
Foodies & Graphic N.	Jennifer Giese	Lincoln County Library System
Sci Fi & Microhist.	Ann Marie Ross	Carbon County Library System
Teen & Paranormal	Jessi Gerdes	Yellowstone Research Library
Native Am & Mo Willems	Sharyle Good	Natrona County High School
Romance & Mystery	Ruth Hackett	Carbon County Library System
Wyoming authors	Micki Gilmore	Sweetwater County Library System

There were two Grand Prize winners of a WLA Annual Conference registration:
 Carol Burns, Thermopolis Middle School
 Sue Paddock, Carbon County Library System



The WYLDcat Members Annual Business Meeting will be held via phone and Yugma web-conferencing on Thursday, June 16th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 Training by members of the WYLD Office will be done in the regions over the summer.

19	20	21 9-10 a.m., Providing Services to People with Disabilities: Accessibility and Accessible Information Technology, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Foreclosure, Bad Credit and No Job, Oh My!, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., The Census: American Community Survey - We Measure Your Community Annually, <i>webinar</i>	22 9-10 a.m., Tech Talk with Michael Sauers, <i>webinar</i> 9-10 a.m., WYLD Wednesday: Changes coming for WYLD eAudiobook access, <i>Wyoming State Library webinar</i> 10-11 a.m., Servant Leadership: Creating Culture and Sustaining Performance, <i>webinar</i> 12:30 -1:30 p.m., Getting Social Using Drupal (Open Source Software), <i>webinar</i> 12:30 -1:30 p.m., Preventing Staff Burnout, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Spotlight! on National Library of Medicine Resources, <i>webinar</i>	23 11:15 - 11:45 a.m., Database of the Month: Chadwyck-Healey Literature Collections and LION, <i>Wyoming State Library webinar</i>	24	25
26	27	28 9-10 a.m., Providing Services to People with Disabilities, <i>webinar</i> 11:30-12:30 p.m., Rockin' the Virtual Classroom, <i>webinar</i>	29 10-11 a.m., Five Secrets for Delivering Engaging Online Presentations, <i>webinar</i> 12:30-1:30 p.m., Ten Best Practices for End of Year Fundraising, <i>webinar</i>	30		