

# Federal Funds Provide Library Resources for all Wyomingites

The Wyoming State Library is granted federal funds every year from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Over the past five years, Wyoming library patrons and staff have benefited from LSTA funds that total over \$1,000,000

LSTA dollars are used to **Connect Patrons with Library Materials** in both print and electronic formats. All Wyoming residents have access to LSTA funded purchases through their local school, public, or college library.

School and college-level library users make extensive use of the **Research Databases** found at GoWYLD.net. Students of all ages rely on the availability of the thousands of journals, magazines, and other scholarly resources found in these powerful tools. An average of 3 million research sessions are logged each year in GoWYLD.net databases.

Patrons at over over 100 Wyoming libraries use **WYLD CAT** (the statewide library catalog) to borrow 4.5 million items each year. The statewide **Interlibrary Loan System** allows users to borrow items from all over the world. In an average year, Wyoming patrons use this service more than 55,000 times. Sharing resources in this way saves public funds and provides equitable access to customers of all library sizes.

Wyoming residents from every background utilize the **Digital Content** and **Genealogy** resources found at GoWYLD.net. Every year over 250,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines are downloaded and our popular genealogy and history databases are used by Wyoming residents to conduct family history research.

Job Seekers use **Career Development** resources found at GoWYLD.net, including college admissions and ASVAB prep tests, online courses, career licensing tests, and eBooks for academic skills development.

LSTA funds provide recreational and educational library resources to the **12 Wyoming State Institutions** which serve the elderly, the disabled, and persons in correctional facilities.

The WSL supports library staff around the state by providing face-to-face and online **Training** focused on the subjects of technology, library software, and library policies. More than 75 such training sessions are conducted each year. Additionally, the Directors' Work Session provides an annual platform for continuing education, strategic planning, and building a culture of collaboration throughout the Wyoming Library Community.

These services and many more are paid for with federal LSTA funds.

LSTA-funded resources are selected with all Wyoming residents in mind. Even our smallest communities deserve quality library services for information, recreation, and the pursuit of lifelong learning.

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For more information, contact Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Librarian, at (307) 777-5914 or [jamie.markus@wyo.gov](mailto:jamie.markus@wyo.gov). To learn more about LSTA funding in Wyoming, visit [library.wyo.gov](http://library.wyo.gov).



# Library Services Funded by LSTA

## Library Technology and Infrastructure

- SirsiDynix Integrated Library System annual fee;
- Aspen Discovery Layer;
- OCLC WorldShare ILL and VDX Interlibrary Loan services;
- Cataloging and Metadata services;
- WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch;
- Resource Sharing stipends offered to WYLD public and academic libraries.

## Research Databases

- Literature Resource Center, Novelist Plus, Encyclopedia Britannica;
- Biography In Context, Global Issues In Context, Opposing Viewpoints In Context;
- U.S. History In Context, World History In Context;
- Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications;
- Chilton Library.

## eBooks and Other e-content

- OverDrive, TumbleBooks.

## Literacy

- One Book Wyoming program, BookFlix.

## Career Development

- LinkedIn Learning, Mometrix.

## Genealogy

- Ancestry Library.

## Institution Libraries

- Collection development stipends for all 12 Wyoming State Institution Libraries.

## Training

- Directors' Work Session, new director orientation, statewide library training;
- Library science professional development collection, Niche Academy training tutorials.

## Outreach

- Information and marketing materials for library resources;
- Outrider Newsletter.

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