State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network
June, 2020

The State Library is preparing for a Special Session of the Wyoming State Legislature that is convening to focus on the state budget. Cuts and changes to all budgets are anticipated. In an effort to prepare for the unknown, WSL extended various database contracts by six months, pre-paid a number of obligations, and worked with the Statewide Shared Purchases Committee to cancel the National Geographic Kids resource earlier than anticipated. New procurement and government efficiency procedures will be put in place on July 1.

The State Library received $52,297 in CARES Act funding to support libraries, museums, and tribal partners during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to support the library version of LinkedIn Learning, off-line summer reading on the Wind River Reservation, and a variety of museum projects aimed at putting museum exhibits online.

The WYLD Network saw a 24% library director turnover rate during the past year. WSL will conduct as many Directors' Orientations as needed to inform new directors of Wyoming Library Association, State Library, and WYLD Network services and obligations.

President Trump's 2021 Budget recommendation again eliminates all funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, and other organizations are closely monitoring this situation. The Wyoming Library Community may be asked to participate in communication and lobbying activities later this year. Our elected officials and their staff think highly of our libraries and services; no one believes that IMLS will be defunded.

State Library priorities have not changed:
1. **Shared library infrastructure** including the statewide Integrated Library System, interlibrary loan software, and electronic resource platforms (Cloud Library and RBDigital)
2. State Library **staff**
3. State Library programs and projects **required by statute**
4. Statewide library databases, resources, and digital content, and State Library programs, projects, and collections that are not required by statute