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Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge deadline extended

Wyoming library foundations have a little longer to reach their fundraising goals for the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge. Legislators overwhelmingly voted in support of Senate File 94, a bill introduced to extend deadlines for raising money to be matched by state funds. The legislation cleaned up discrepancies in the dates from money appropriated in different years:

- Library foundations now have until June 30, 2017 to raise cash gifts and written pledges.
- Any pledges made by the June 30, 2017 deadline must be received by Dec. 31, 2018 to be eligible for match.

Wyoming library foundations have raised \$5.1 million and received \$11.4 million in match and incentive funds through the Challenge so far. There is still \$6.7 million available in state match. For more on the Endowment Challenge, including your library's current status, visit www.wyla.org/endowment/

Librarians, trustees and Foundation board members had an opportunity to thank their State Legislators for their support at the Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception in Cheyenne on Jan. 24. The reception was well attended this year, with many new legislators in attendance. The Governor and First Lady were also in attendance.

Great fund raising training links from Wild Apricot for April

Would you like to learn how to write a grant better? Do everything right when it comes to thanking your donors? Explore more effective storytelling techniques? Monthly, the Wild Apricot blog compiles a list of their upcoming training and great, free nonprofit training from around the web. See April's offerings at www.wildapricot.com/blogs/newsblog/2013/03/21/27-free-non-profit-webinars-for-april-2013

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