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## **WLA reception a good opportunity to thank your legislators**

Wyoming's Legislature has consistently shown its support for libraries. In 2008, they created the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge. Since then, they have appropriated \$18.35 million in state matching and incentive funds for library endowments. So far, \$12.5 million of these funds have landed in library foundation coffers.



The Wyoming Library Association legislative reception will be held the evening of Thursday, February 20 at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central in Cheyenne. The WLA reception has become a fixture on the calendars of most legislators. It is chance for them to get a decent, home-cooked meal while they are in Cheyenne, and to say hello to old friends and their hometown constituents. It's a great opportunity to meet and mingle with your representatives and thank them for their continued support of Wyoming's libraries and the Wyoming Library Endowment. This year we are highlighting the One Book Wyoming program. Craig Johnson will be attending the reception this year!

In addition to your attendance, you are invited to bring your most prized potluck dish. Email Tina Worthman, [tina.worthman@wyo.gov](mailto:tina.worthman@wyo.gov), with what dish you plan to bring and if you need an outlet. If you prefer to donate cash donation to help defray the cost of the event, send checks in advance to the Wyoming Library Association at P.O. Box 1387, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

## **Third library reaches Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge goal**

Congratulations go to the Sheridan County Public Library System. Cameron Duff, director, reported that their library foundation reached its fundraising goal for the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge and submitted their final request for payment to the State Treasurer's Office this month. Sheridan County is the third library to finish the Challenge: Niobrara County has submitted the maximum amount, and Teton County has enough in pledges to be at goal.

"We are so thankful to the generous donors in Sheridan County who have made it possible for us to reach our endowment goal," said Cameron Duff, library director. "We also want to thank

the Governor and the Legislature for their continued support of Public Libraries. The earnings from the endowment will help our library system serve the future needs of community for many years to come.”

### **Where does your library stand on the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge?**

The Wyoming State Library maintains a spreadsheet online of libraries’ progress on the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge. Currently, Wyoming libraries have raised \$5.8 million – 63.8% of goal! This has been matched by \$12.5 million in state match and incentive funds, meaning that library endowments have increased by a total of \$18.3 million. These are funds that will ensure the continued health of Wyoming libraries well into the future. In addition to the three libraries that have met goal, there are five now at more than 75% of their goal. Do you know where your library stands? If not, check it at [will.state.wy.us/statistics/Public/WYlib\\_endowment\\_status.pdf](http://will.state.wy.us/statistics/Public/WYlib_endowment_status.pdf).

### **Raising more money with silent auctions: free webinar**

[Charity HowTo](#) is offering a free webinar to help you boost your next silent auction. “[An introduction to Nonprofit Silent Auctions: How to Raise more funds with five simple changes](#),” will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30. Geared for a beginner level, the webinar will offer practical how-tos on what to do and not do. Register at [www.charityhowto.com/nonprofit\\_webinar/How-to-Raise-More-money-for-your-Nonprofit-Silent-Auction](http://www.charityhowto.com/nonprofit_webinar/How-to-Raise-More-money-for-your-Nonprofit-Silent-Auction)

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