

# FOUNDATIONS

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## **WE DID IT! Wyoming library foundations get \$2.3 million payout**



Wyoming library directors and representatives from library foundations gathered in Gov. Dave Freudenthal's office on Thursday, Dec. 9 to celebrate a significant milestone in the Endowment Challenge. Collectively, the 23 libraries raised \$2.3 million, triggering a \$2.3 million incentive payout on Nov. 30 -- \$100,000 in endowment funds for each library foundation. As of Jan. 11, local libraries have raised \$2.47 million for endowments and earned \$6.94 million in matching and incentive funds from the State of Wyoming.

### **More state money for endowments still on the table**

There are still \$5.1 million in matching state funds to be tapped as library foundations continue their fund raising. Three counties – Albany, Niobrara and Sheridan – have hit their goal and received all matching funds. The remaining libraries have a little less than \$3.2 million in fund raising by June 30, 2013 to go to get the full match. Find the spreadsheet showing the latest status and general information about the endowment at [www.wyla.org/endowment/](http://www.wyla.org/endowment/).

### **Outgoing governor proposes \$3 million more**

In his last budget proposal, Gov. Dave Freudenthal included another \$3 million for the Library Endowment Challenge Program, which would bring the state match available up to \$15.1 million. It will be considered by the 61<sup>st</sup> Wyoming State Legislature, which has just started its

session. Follow the progress of library-related legislation on the Legislature's website at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/LSOWeb> and also see updates from the Wyoming Library Association lobbyist at [www.wyla.org](http://www.wyla.org).

### **Library association reception a great time and place to thank Wyoming Legislators**

The Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave. in Cheyenne. The reception is a great opportunity to mingle with your lawmakers and thank them for their support of Wyoming libraries and the Endowment Challenge. Reception begins at 6 p.m., preceded by an update from WLA's lobbyist at 5:30. A home-cooked dish to share or a cash contribution for catered food is greatly appreciated – contact Tina Lyles at [tlyles@wyo.gov](mailto:tlyles@wyo.gov) or 307-777-6338 for details. The Plains Hotel in Cheyenne has a special room rate of \$59 per night for Wyoming librarians. Please use Group #156078 when making reservations. More information at the WLA website at [www.wyla.org](http://www.wyla.org) under "Breaking News."

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