

OUTRIDER



"Wyoming Reads" Books Shipped Statewide

The kids have made their choices and the books are on their way for the 12th annual [Wyoming Reads](#) celebration on May 16, 2017. The Natrona County Public Library has been sending out final book orders this month, thanks to the hard work of Kate Mutch, Jerry Jones, and the rest of the dedicated staff at the NCPL.

Wyoming Reads encourages literacy by providing a book to every first grade student in the state. This year, an expected 7,550 children will participate. Each child gets to pick the one title they'd like to keep from six picture book choices. Sample kits are sent to schools in the months before the event so that students can familiarize themselves with the choices and decide which one they love most.

The most popular book this year was *Groovy Joe*. It garnered 30% of the total orders—nearly 1,900 books for that one title! The other



selections this year were *Mother Bruce*, *The Most Magnificent Thing*, *Strictly No Elephants*, *Hoot and Peep*, and *Good Night, Baddies*.

Wyoming Reads is supported by the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation, which was created in 1996 to benefit libraries and advance the cause of childhood literacy in Wyoming.

Around the State



Laramie County Library System Bookmobile

WYOMING'S BOOKMOBILES OFFER A VALUABLE SERVICE

April 12 was [National Bookmobile Day](#), so we'd like to give a shout-out to Wyoming's two bookmobiles that roll the roads bringing library services to tiny communities, schools, assisted living facilities, day cares, and more. In State FY16, Natrona County Public Library's bookmobile circulated 21,975 items, and Laramie County Library System's circulated 13,235.

Wyoming's two bookmobiles are among more than 650 nationwide (per Institute of Museum and Library Services FY14 data) that expand library services beyond building walls. Bookmobiles give far-flung patrons a chance to browse the shelves for a great read, with assistance from the stellar library employees who work in Wyoming libraries.

CHECK OUT WYOMING'S LIBRARY WORKER STARS

The best part about working in a library is the people you work with! [National Library Workers Day](#) on April 11 celebrated the valuable contributions made by all library workers. If you haven't already, [check out Wyoming's stars](#). Wyoming's public libraries alone employed 648 people in FY16, and the Wyoming Libraries Directory lists nearly 500 more in the state's academic, school, and special libraries. There are more—not everyone is listed in the directory—and all deserve kudos for their great work.

Wyoming Library Association

WLA CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Have some knowledge to share? A great program idea you think other libraries could implement? The Wyoming Library Association is planning its [2017 conference](#) Aug. 10-11 in Sheridan and is inviting your program proposals. [Submit your proposal](#) by the deadline of April 30. WLA is also asking members to suggest topics they'd like to see at the conference. Is there something specific you'd like to learn? Send Katrina Brown your program ideas at kbrown@sheridan.edu.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR TWO OFFICES

The Wyoming Library Association is seeking nominees for Vice President/President-Elect and Mountain Plains Library Association representative. To learn more about the requirements for each position, see the [WLA bylaws](#), and [WLA 2013 handbook](#).

Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2017. You may nominate yourself or suggest names for the committee. Contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915, or Richard Landreth at rlandreth@ccsd.k12.wy.us or (307) 682-9809

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WLA AWARDS

The Wyoming Library Association is [accepting nominations for its annual awards](#). Deadline is May 15 to submit nominations for:

- **Outstanding Hero/Heroine Award:** Recognizes an outstanding person or group, whose hard work has made a difference to a Wyoming library within the last two years.
- **Outstanding Librarian:** Honors the significant and outstanding accomplishments set forth by a library employee in the past year, such as service to library patrons and to the library community.
- **Outstanding Library:** Recognizes a significant special project completed within the last two years that involved staff, library board, and the library's community.

National News

ALA RELEASES STATE OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES REPORT

“The public library has an unparalleled ability to bring people and knowledge together, especially in times of uncertainty and division.”

FELTON THOMAS JR.,
Public Library Association president

THE STATE OF
**AMERICA'S
LIBRARIES 2017** | A Report from the
American Library Association

On April 10, the American Library Association (ALA) released the [State of America's Libraries 2017](#), an annual report that captures trends within all types of libraries. The report finds that library workers' expertise continues to play a key role in the transformation of communities through access to services that empower users to navigate our ever-changing digital, social, economic, and political society.

Librarians provide users with expertise and the training needed to evaluate the quality of information in all formats. With the massive

increase in the amount of digital content, libraries are ramping up efforts to make sure that children and teens are well-equipped to evaluate the sources, content and intended message of all types of media.

Libraries of all types play a vital role in supporting early childhood literacy, computer training, and workforce development. In addition, they provide a safe place for everyone, reflecting and serving the diversity of their communities in their collections, programs, and services. Libraries continue to face challenges of censorship to books and resources.

[Read the full report](#) for more library trends of the past year.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES PLAY VITAL ROLE IN ADVANCING HEALTH LITERACY

During [National Public Health Week](#), April 3-9, the Public Library Association highlighted the work public libraries do in advancing the health and health literacy of Americans.

A [2014 Digital Inclusion Survey](#) conducted by the Information Policy & Action Center found that public libraries in the U.S. advance equal access to health information in many important ways. Sixty percent of the public libraries surveyed help patrons identify health insurance resources, 58% help patrons locate and evaluate free online health information, and 48% help patrons

understand specific health or wellness topics. Some libraries even offer direct access to health programming: 23% of those surveyed offer fitness classes, and 18% offer selected health screening services.

PEW: FREE SPEECH AND FAKE NEWS



In the next decade, will public discourse online become more or less shaped by bad actors, harassment, trolls, and an overall tone of griping, distrust, and disgust?

The Pew Research Center asked technology experts, scholars, corporate practitioners and government leaders this question. In response, 42% of the 1,537 respondents indicated that they expect “no major change” in online social climate in the coming decade, and 39% said they expect the online future will be “more shaped” by negative activities. Those who said they expect the internet to be “less shaped” by harassment, trolling and distrust were in the minority (19%). [Read the full report](#) on the Pew Research Center website and [find shareable quotes](#) on the future of online public discourse.

Intellectual Freedom

TOP TEN CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2016

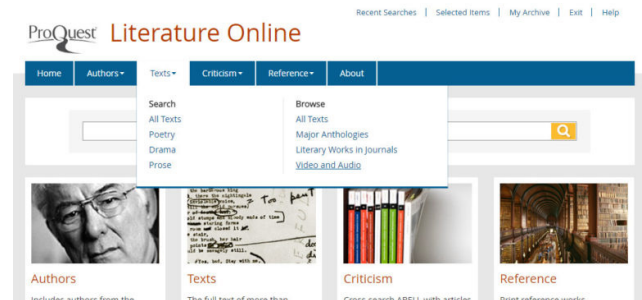
The American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has just announced its annual list of the [Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2016](#):

1. *This One Summer* written by Mariko Tamaki and illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
2. *Drama* written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
3. *George* written by Alex Gino
4. *I Am Jazz* written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas
5. *Two Boys Kissing* written by David Levithan
6. *Looking for Alaska* written by John Green
7. *Big Hard Sex Criminals* written by Matt Fraction and illustrated by Chip Zdarsky
8. *Make Something Up: Stories You Can't Unread* written by Chuck Palahniuk
9. *Little Bill* (series) written by Bill Cosby and illustrated by Varnette P. Honeywood
10. *Eleanor & Park* written by Rainbow Rowell



For an in-depth look at censorship trends, check out the [State of America's Libraries](#) report.

Databases & Electronic Resources



POETS ON SCREEN FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April is National Poetry Month, and a great way to celebrate is to watch readings by acclaimed poets in [GoWYLD.net](#). The [Literature Online \(LION\)](#) Poets on Screen collection offers nearly 900 video clips you can watch right on your computer, tablet, or phone—anywhere in Wyoming where you have an Internet connection, you can hear inspiring poetry. Poets on Screen features readings by contemporary poets of both contemporary and classic poems, and provides a unique opportunity to hear and see major authors interpreting their own works and the works of their contemporaries and predecessors. In addition to the Poets on Screen videos, LION's audio resources include fully dramatized, unabridged recordings of each of Shakespeare's 38 plays, and 921 links to poetry readings at [The Poetry Archive](#).

Trustee Corner

ADVOCATE WHEREVER YOU ARE WITH VIRTUAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

[National Library Legislative Day](#) is an annual two-day advocacy event on May 1-2 that brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C. to meet with their members of Congress and rally support for library issues and policies. If you can't travel to Washington, you can still participate wherever you are. [Virtual Library Legislative Day](#) activities will be held throughout the week of May 1-5, 2017, and will be an opportunity for all library advocates to make their voices heard on a national level. Learn more, sign up, and find advocacy resources on the [United for Libraries website](#). The Association for Library Service to Children also [offers some great tips](#) to prepare for Virtual Library Legislative Day.

VIDEO FOR ADVOCACY: LIBRARIES CREATE CONNECTIONS

SirsiDynix has created a "[Connections](#)" video to help you tell your library's story. Use the Connections video at board meetings, for digital signs, on social media, and anywhere else you find useful. Watch or embed it from [YouTube](#), or [download it for free](#) in a variety of formats and languages.

Youth Services



WYOMING CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners have been announced for the 2017 Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush, and Soaring Eagle book awards, as voted upon by Wyoming K-12 students. These award programs help children become acquainted with the best contemporary books and authors, learn what qualities make a good book, and set reading goals.

- **Buckaroo Awards** (grades K-3): winner, *There's a Lion in my Cornflakes* by Michelle Robinson; 1st runner up, *Frog on a Log?* by Kes Gray; and 2nd runner up, *Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook* by Anne Vittur Kennedy.
- **Indian Paintbrush Awards** (grades 4-6): winner, *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen; 1st runner up, *El Deafo* by Cece Bell;

and 2nd runner up, *The Skeleton Tree* by Iain Lawrence.

- **Soaring Eagle Awards** (grades 7-12) winner, *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon; 1st runner up, *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo; and 2nd runner up, *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz.

SPRING MEETING: "TELLING OUR LIBRARY'S STORY"

The Wyoming Library Association Youth Services Interest Group will hold its 2017 Spring Meeting on May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fremont County Public Library in Lander. Speakers will be storyteller Kate Lutz, speaking on "Catching, Shaping, Growing Stories," and the Wyoming Storytellers' Guild. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

School Libraries

INFORMATION POWER OFFERED AS WLA PRE-CONFERENCE

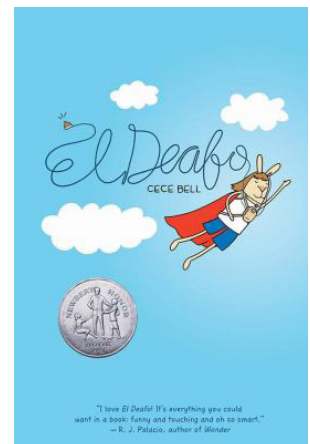
[Information Power 2017](#), an annual institute for Wyoming school librarians, will be held Wednesday, August 9, at Sheridan College in Sheridan, Wyoming. Fee for the day will be \$40, which includes lunch. Housing will be available on campus and in town. This year, Information Power is being held in conjunction

with the Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference, which will follow on August 10-11 in Sheridan. Registration is now open on the [WLA website](#). For more information contact Paige Bredenkamp at paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov, 307-777-6331, or Jennisen Lucas at jmlucas@pcsdl.org, 307-764-6182.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Excerpted from a post by Melissa Snider, school librarian at Colter Elementary

As librarians and media specialists, we strive to build collections of print and digital materials that serve the information and literacy needs of our students and staff. Collection development choices are guided by many factors including curricular needs and student interest. We may also consider the backgrounds of our students, racial or ethnic diversity, or languages other than English commonly spoken in our schools.



All of our students deserve library collections that support their ongoing journeys of self-discovery and that help them know who they are

and who they want to become. I encourage you to consider these questions as you maintain your library collections.

- Does my library collection offer both mirrors and windows? A mirror is a book that can reflect parts of a student’s own experience back to them. A window is a book that allows a student to walk in someone else’s shoes.
- Am I recommending diverse books to other teachers?
- How can I serve students of immigrant families?

It is our responsibility as educators to connect kids with books that both reinforce their own experiences and broaden their horizons.

[Read Melissa’s full article](#) on the WSL blog—well worth it!

LRCC FALL LITERACY CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic’s (LRCC) [Fall Literacy Conference](#) for teachers around the state, “Sharpening our Focus: Comprehension Across Disciplines and Grade Levels,” will take place Sept. 22-23 at UW in Laramie, Wyo. A [call for proposals](#) to present at the conference is open until May 1. Conference fees will be waived for accepted presenters, and applicants will be notified by June 1.

Academic Libraries

TRENDS AND TECH IN NMC HORIZON REPORT: 2017 LIBRARY EDITION

What’s on the five-year horizon for academic and research libraries? Which trends and technology developments will drive transformation? What are the critical challenges and how can we strategize solutions? These questions regarding technology adoption and educational change steered the discussions of 77 experts to produce the [NMC Horizon Report: 2017 Library Edition](#). Six key trends, six significant challenges, and six developments in technology profiled in this report are poised to impact library strategies, operations, and services with regards to learning, creative inquiry, research, and information management. *The NMC Horizon Report: 2017 Library Edition* is published under a Creative Commons license to facilitate its widespread use, easy duplication, and broad distribution.

Training Webinars

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: IN CONTEXT

[Register now](#) for the GoWYLD Database of the Month webinar on April 28, looking at the In Context databases. Join Chris Van Burgh, WSL Database Instruction Librarian, at 11:15 a.m. MDT, for this informative tour of the eight In

Context databases in GoWYLD.net. In this session she'll look at some common features to all and some cool content within specific databases. She'll also look at some of Gale's support materials.

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: CONFLICT/UNDERSTANDING 2017

[Explore Conflict/Understanding](#) in our world using resources in GoWYLD.net: Global Issues In Context, Statistical Insight, Culturegrams, CQ Researcher, and more. Find more archived database training in our [webinars index](#).

People News

PHILLIPS RECEIVES MILSTEAD AWARD

Lori Phillips, University of Wyoming Libraries Associate Dean, is the recipient of this year's Milstead Distinguished Librarianship Award. For over 25 years, Phillips has worked in a variety of roles at UW Libraries, serving as a librarian, teacher, mentor, colleague, and administrator. Her varying roles also included time as Interim Dean of Libraries. Phillips was one of the developers of the first TIP Tutorial taken by thousands of



students as part of UW's information literacy requirement. She has overseen strategic planning and reorganization of services and staff to accommodate initiatives and reductions in workforce, and she is a strong supporter of professional development for faculty and staff. She has demonstrated leadership at the state and national levels as well.

The late Agnes Milstead, a professor of education and library science at UW, established the award in 1993 to recognize significant contributions to the University Libraries.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Tina Jayroe has joined Central Wyoming College Library as their new Resource Management Librarian. Previously, Tina worked for the Fremont County Library System as the Lander Library Manager.

Steve Rzasa's new novel, the sci-fi thriller *Man Behind the Wheel*, was released April 1. Rzasa is the Technical Services Librarian at Johnson County Library in Buffalo.

Carey D. Hartmann, County Librarian at Laramie County Library System, was named to the *Wyoming Business Report* "Nifty Over Fifty" list in December. She was one of 15 individuals selected. Among the achievements cited in her selection was establishing library services to small businesses.

Library Foundations



- Local, state, and national sources of funding for public, academic, school, special collection, and government libraries
- Demographic information corresponding with library service area
- Regional funding trends

Because many libraries lack grant-seeking experience, Foundation Center will also offer free capacity-building training. Check their website for more information.

VISUALIZING FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES A POWERFUL TOOL FOR FUNDRAISING

Foundation Center has launched [Visualizing Funding for Libraries](#), a comprehensive database of library funding containing grants given to U.S. libraries by U.S. foundations. You can find a great introduction to this powerful, free tool on WebJunction’s archived webinar, “[Visualizing \(and Finding!\) Funding for Libraries.](#)”

Libraries can use this searchable data visualization tool to find foundation grants to fill gaps in government budget cuts, diversify funding sources, and expand programming. Library advocates, foundations, and nonprofits can also use it to understand the funding landscape. The tool includes:



Calendar

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| April 22-29 | Money Smart Week |
| April 23-29 | Preservation Week |
| April 30 | Children’s Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) |
| May 1-2 | National Library Legislative Day |
| May 1-5 | Virtual Library Legislative Day |
| May 5 | WLA Youth Services Interest Group Spring Meeting |
| August 9 | Information Power |
| August 10-11 | Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference |

Events



NLA-MPLA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPEN

The [joint conference](#) of the Nevada Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association will be held October 16-18 in Stateline, Nevada, at Lake Tahoe. Call for proposals is now open and closes on May 31. NLA-MPLA are [seeking proposals](#) to support the theme of “Turn Up the Volume!” in the areas of innovation, advocacy, and engagement.

TOOLS FOR CHOOSE PRIVACY WEEK

[Choose Privacy Week](#), coming up May 1-7, 2017, is an initiative that invites library users into a national conversation about privacy rights in a digital age. The American Library Association (ALA) has developed a [variety of resources](#) to help libraries reach out to their communities and learn what they can do to spark thought and discussion around privacy issues today.

Grant Opportunities

[Wyoming Library Association Nora Van Burgh Development Grants](#)

DEADLINE: July 15; First review of applications May 15

Provides funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience.

The applicant must have been a member of the Wyoming Library Association for two (2) years, be a resident of Wyoming, and be employed in a Wyoming library. Non-degreed library employees are particularly encouraged to apply.

[The Awesome Foundation Innovation in Libraries Grant](#)

DEADLINE: 15th of each month

Each month, innovative, library-related projects will apply for a \$1,000 grant. Award recipients will be asked to report back publicly on what worked, what didn't, and what they learned—as well as to make the results of their efforts openly available to others to reuse.

[Robert C. Oakley Memorial Scholarship](#)

DEADLINE: May 15

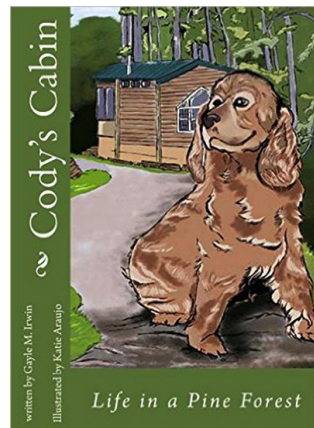
A \$1,000 scholarship to support research and advanced study for librarians in their early-to-mid-careers who are interested and/or active in intellectual property, public policy, copyright, and their impacts on libraries and the ways libraries serve their communities.

Book Reviews

Cody's Cabin: Life in a Pine Forest

By Gayle M. Irwin; Illus. Katie Araujo
Casper, Wyo.: Waggin' Tales, 2015

Join Cody the Cocker Spaniel as he explores the woods surrounding the cabin he visits every summer weekend, encountering a wide variety of creatures on the way. By interweaving “Did you Know” facts and “Learn a New Word” side-bars, author Gayle Irwin blends a cute children’s story with an informational text, resulting in a seamless and charming story. The beauty of backwoods Wyoming comes alive through Cody’s eyes. Loyal to his human family, Cody shares his weekend world by providing vivid descriptions of the plants, insects, and animals he encounters on his daily walks. Kids will enjoy sharing Cody’s journeys while learning basic facts about nature. Enhanced with both computer generated images and illustrations by Katie Araujo, this is sure to be a hit with kids and parents alike.

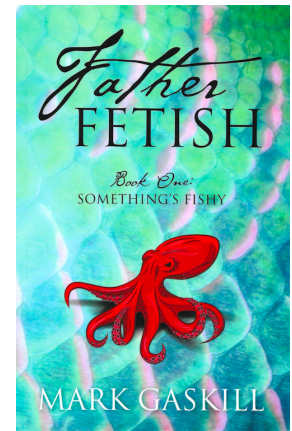


*Lisa B. Scroggins, Executive Director
Natrona County Library*

Father Fetish: Something's Fishy (Book One)

By Mark Gaskill
Parker, Colo.: Outskirts Press, 2015

The title says it all: a Father Anthony who studies and investigates the psychological side of human fetishes. Don't be mistaken though—this is no romance novel! It puts the reader alongside a college professor (who happens to be a Catholic priest) and his group of post-graduate assistants when they all find themselves in the middle of a scandalous Washington, D.C., murder involving politicians and mysterious figures of the night. Exhilarating and uncertain escapades ensue, and it is easy to find oneself entranced by the characters, including Father Anthony's attorney sister. Mark Gaskill has done a great job with setting the scene and bringing the words on the pages to life with vivid and complete descriptions. The book keeps a fast pace that certainly held onto my attention and interest. The amazing character development definitely sets the stage and keeps the door open for future books about Father Anthony and crew.



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