



2017 State Librarian Report to WYLD

Budget

The Wyoming State Library took an 11% cut in our State General Fund budget for the 2017/18 Biennium. Budget instructions for the 2019/20 Biennium have not been released publicly. I do not know if we will be called upon to reduce our budget before the next legislative session.

The 2017 Library Services and Technology Act federal grant was finalized through a Congressional Continuing Resolution in early May. The Institute of Museum and Library Services has not released the final award information, but the State Library will see a slight increase over the 2016 grant. We will begin to spend this funding in October.

President Trump's 2018 budget recommendation eliminates all funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. 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 in late summer.

I met with our Congressional Delegation twice this spring. Our elected officials think highly of our library community and were quick to remind the Wyoming Library Legislative Day team that the President's Budget is only a recommendation; Congress controls the purse strings.

Any decrease in State or Federal funds will result in a change to resources provided by the State Library. The Shared Purchases Task Force met last summer to prioritize the statewide library databases and resources provided by WSL. Dean Ivan Gaetz and I have talked about how UW Libraries and WSL can continue to work together to provide shared resources as budgets decrease.

State Library priorities remain the same:

1. **Shared library infrastructure**, including the statewide Integrated Library System, interlibrary loan software, and electronic resources platforms (Cloud Library, Zinio and OneClick Digital)
2. State Library **staff**
3. State Library programs and projects **required by statute**
4. Statewide library databases/resources and State Library programs, projects, and collections that are not required by statute

Cost Analysis

The State Library conducted a Cost Analysis of the shared WYLD Integrated Library System. WSL asked for comparable system quotes for five representative libraries from two full-service vendors: SirsiDynix and Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

Findings: The WYLD Network's shared Integrated Library System costs member libraries 4-10 times less than if they contracted for their own system with a comparable number of features. This does not include the 1/2 to 1-1/2 skilled FTEs needed to operate an ILS. The State Library uses Federal Library Services and Technology Act and State General Funds to pay roughly 60% of the cost of software and hardware and 100% of the salaries of the four WSL staff members who manage the WYLD ILS.

VDX End of Life

OCLC will retire VDX interlibrary loan software and support at some point in the next three years. OCLC plans to replace VDX with Relais ILL. Abby Beaver and Marc Stratton will lead the migration. A transition and training timeline will be sent to all libraries when it becomes available. OCLC has not yet issued a firm end of life date for VDX.

Staff

Brian Greene applied for and transferred to the Library Development Manager position in October, 2016. Desiree Saunders was promoted to WYLD Program Manager (October) and Katie Rahman joined the WYLD Staff as a Systems Librarian (January). The State Library currently has no vacancies.

Office Space and Department Consolidation

The State Library gave up two office suites in February to the Procurement Office of the General Services Division (GSD) of the Department of Administration and Information. GSD is working to consolidate office space across the state in an effort to lower leasing and utility expenses. Staff relocation and adjustment to 11 new building occupants has gone relatively smoothly.

The Access Services and Government Information Departments were combined to form the Information Services Department in February.

Other

Over the past year, the State Library evaluated the 2013-17 LSTA 5-Year Plan, wrote the 2018-2022 LSTA 5-Year Plan, expanded outreach services to State Agencies, reallocated staff time to coordinate the WLA Conference, confronted issues surrounding the forced migration to Baker&Taylor 360, fought to fill three staff positions, launched the new library.wyo.gov website, created new marketing posters and materials for the WSL digital collections, jumped into two projects with the Wyoming Institute of Disabilities, moved half of the staff to new offices, continued a collection inventory that hasn't been done in 30 years, worked with the Wyoming Department of Education on three school library and digital learning plans, started three projects with State Archives staff, responded to a leaking roof (multiple times), and lived through a twelve month basement IT Room construction project.