



STATE LIBRARY DIVISION

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State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network

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The Wyoming State Library took an \$87,808 cut to the services, programs, and contracts lines in our State General Fund budget for the 2019/20 Biennium. This cut reduces funding to these areas by a total of \$580,000 from the 15/16 Biennium.

The WSL Shared Purchases Committee cut \$154,000 in statewide GoWYLD.net resources for FY19. The University of Wyoming Libraries picked up all cancelled resources. Thank you UW!

The FY2018 Library Services and Technology Act federal grant was finalized in March. A \$5 million increase to the population-based Grants to States program gave the State Library \$3,604 more than last year for a total grant of \$899,885. WSL will begin to spend this funding in October.

President Trump's 2019 Budget recommendation again eliminates all funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). 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 later this year.

Janice Grover-Roosa and I met with our Congressional Delegation in May for National Library Legislative Day. We asked our legislators to support continued funding for IMLS and the passage of the Museum and Libraries Services Act of 2017, which reauthorizes IMLS. Our elected officials and their staff think highly of our libraries and services; no one believes that IMLS will be defunded.

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 and RB 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