State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network
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The State Library is preparing to welcome a new Director of the Department of Administration and Information and is actively waiting for various procurement and government efficiency reports, rules, and procedures to be finalized. The ultimate impact of these changes on the WSL remains unclear.

20% of Wyoming's Academic and Public libraries have hired or are searching for a new director since January 1. WSL will conduct as many Directors' Orientations as needed to inform new directors of State Library and WYLD services and obligations.

WSL remains fully staffed.

Budget News:
Work on the 2021/22 Biennial State General Fund budget began in March. At this time, no budget reductions are required.

Congress updated and reauthorized the Museum and Library Services Act in December. The new law changes the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States funding formula by increasing the base grant amount from $680,000 to $1 million for each state over a period of years. WSL will see additional federal library funds if/when Congress allocates additional money to the program.

President Trump's 2020 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. 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 RBDigital).
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