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State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network

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The State Library reached a milestone anniversary on December 16, 2021, marking 150 years of providing quality library services to the residents of Wyoming. This anniversary was officially celebrated during the Wyoming Library Association's Legislative Reception in February.

The State Library is fully staffed.

Budget News:

The State Library submitted a \$12.6 million sub-grant proposal to the Governor's Office for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. The proposal will allow all County, Community College, and UW libraries the opportunity to apply for construction and renovation funds. The US Treasury is expected to review and approve Wyoming's proposal over the next six to eight months.

The State Library is finalizing \$2,126,881 in ARPA funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. WSL formed a taskforce of academic, public, and school librarians to select and coordinate projects. The taskforce focused on statewide initiatives that provides resources to all library patrons while taking budget pressure off of local libraries. Projects include:

- Collection Access: Cover the cost of the statewide library catalog and technology needed to loan materials between library locations.
- Digital Collections: Cover the cost of the statewide OverDrive (e-books/e-audiobooks) service as well as provide e-resources to college/UW libraries.
- Physical Collections: Provide support to state institution and Ft. Washakie libraries to purchase physical collections for their patrons.
- K-12 Support: Provide statewide access to a K-12 e-book/e-audiobook resource, support for school library physical collections, and access to TeachingBooks.net.
- Workforce Development: Provide access to LinkedIn Learning and GALE Legal Forms/Business Plan Builder. Work with library public information staff to advertise all library-related workforce development resources.
- Marketing GoWYLD.net resources: Contract with a communication firm to advertise federally funded resources including OverDrive, LinkedIn Learning, BookFlix, and research databases.

A detailed ARPA project budget and timeline can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5ywp7cd9>



State Library priorities have not changed:

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

FY22 Project Updates:

The WYLD Office managed the successful migration of digital book services from cloudLibrary to Overdrive/Libby, coordinated a streamlined holdings update with OCLC to improve member libraries' holdings accuracy in WorldCat, assisted in the implementation of CloudSource Open Access for Wyoming community colleges, successfully upgraded both the staff client for library services (WorkFlows) and the online public access catalog (Enterprise), and assisted multiple member libraries with cleanup projects, patron purges, and the creation of nearly 200 original cataloging records.

The Information Services Office added 7,166 new records to the Digital Content Suite bringing the total number of records to 958,756. The WSL team migrated the Inventors Database to the Knowvation platform. This move put all WSL-managed digital resources on one server and software platform. Activity increased in all collections over the last year.

The Central Acquisitions Program successfully administered over 200 separate accounts for 43 Wyoming county libraries, school districts, community colleges, and institutions. The State Library facilitated and managed a \$1.8 million bulk purchasing program that saved libraries approximately 40% off retail pricing.

The Marketing Office oversaw the Rowdy Randy literacy project that sent author Casey Rislov to 20 Wyoming schools to talk to students about her western picture book about a troublemaking horsefly.

The State Library transferred the Wyoming Center for the Book to Wyoming Humanities. WSL will continue to partner on CFB literacy projects.

The Library Development Office coordinated the grant-funded Creative Aging in Wyoming Public Libraries Project. This project, developed in partnership with the Wyoming Arts Council, the Wyoming State Library, and Lifetime Arts, included a \$150,000 seed grant program to support arts education programming for older adults in public libraries across the state. The community-based arts education program received funding from both the Wyoming Community Foundation and the May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust.