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State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network

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The State Library migrated all WYLD Libraries to AspenCat.

Work on OCLC's *Group Resource Sharing Solution*, GRSS, began in March. GRSS is slated to replace VDX over the next 12 to 18 months. The WYLD and Information Services Offices will work together on setup, implementation, and training for all libraries.

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

Budget News:

The State Library submitted a \$12.6 million sub-grant proposal to the US Treasury 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. WSL is working with WYDOT and the State Budget Department to sub-grant the funds once awarded.

The Library Development Office is working with the Missouri State Library and CALFA, a California non-profit library support organization, on the Creative Aging in Wyoming Public Libraries project. All public libraries, the Fort Washakie School and Community Library, and a handful of State Institution Libraries were invited to participate in this \$640,000 grant program. Participants will receive financial support to coordinate arts education programming for older adults in their libraries.

The State Library is collaborating with the Enterprise Technology Services department on an \$8.4 million broadband project that will provide hotspots, laptop computers, and tablets that local libraries can checkout to patrons. This project falls under Wyoming's Capital Projects Fund grant program.

FY23 Project Updates:

The State Library migrated six digital library collections consisting of 152,156 files (roughly three terabytes of data) from ETS servers to a cloud-based vendor. The collections include over 965,000 records and have been accessed over 63,000 times.

The Wyoming State Library conducted a successful statewide public awareness campaign to promote federally-funded GoWYLD resources to library patrons and non-patrons. Paid advertising efforts, through targeted digital and social media campaigns, produced nearly 11.5 million ad impressions and over 400,000 views of our campaign videos. Along with supplementary promotional efforts by the Wyoming library community, the campaign website achieved nearly 30,000 pageviews and drove thousands of visitors to resources on the GoWYLD portal.

The Wyoming State Library's 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 \$2.2 million bulk purchasing program that saved libraries approximately 40% off retail pricing.

The Central Acquisitions Program announced the end of services for non-WYLD libraries. Those institutions may continue to use the program until their account balance reaches zero. This change will drop the number of CAQ accounts by 40%. This change allows the State Library to continue to offer this service while adapting to the staff time and technology changes needed to move to a digital invoice payment system.

The Wyoming State Library conducted 46 training sessions with more than 466 library workers, state employees, teachers, Wyoming residents, and others during the FY2023 period. Archived training videos were accessed 325,563 times and watched for over 3,925 hours.

The Wyoming State Library hosted the 2022 A&I Summer Reading Program. The program started June 1st and lasted 8 weeks with seven different reading themes. State Library staff interviewed individuals from A&I who spoke about each theme and their recommendations. Participants were encouraged to read books, comics, or magazines and listen to audiobooks from the OverDrive Virtual Library.