



STATE LIBRARY DIVISION

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State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network
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The State Library migrated all WYLD Libraries to the MessageBee platform.

Work on OCLC's *Resource Sharing for Groups, RSFG*, continues with no set implementation date. Due to vendor delays, this project has not moved beyond a planning phase. WYLD will continue to look into alternate solutions.

The State Library is fully staffed after a 37% turnover due to planned retirements, personal growth opportunities, and internal promotions. The State Library was able to secure an additional position in the WYLD office for resource sharing projects.

Cristine Braddy, Cass Kvenild, and I met with our Congressional Delegation in March for Voices for Libraries. We discussed some of the amazing work that our libraries are performing in Wyoming. Our elected officials and their staff shared fond memories of our libraries and their services. They are interested in being kept informed of how they can help in the future.

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 FY2024 Library Services and Technology Act federal grant was finalized in April. There is a \$1,600 decrease to last year's allotment providing a total of \$1,220,427. Changes to this year's allotment compared to last year are based on the following factors: Maintenance of Effort redistribution at \$484K (compared to \$1.2 in 2023); and changes to population figures relative to other states.

The Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program (WLMCF) has granted \$12.6 million dollars to fund five construction projects at the Albany, Park, Sweetwater, Uinta and Washakie library systems. WSL is working with the State Budget Department and

CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Consulting to monitor and support the projects until completion in 2026. WSL was able to acquire another 8.4 million dollars for this project and is working with the State Budget Department award and sub-grant the additional funds.

FY24 Project Updates:

Last year 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 year 60 non-WYLD libraries were phased out leaving 47 of the original 107 non-WYLD school libraries in the program. 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 State Library collaborated with the Wyoming Telehealth Network and county libraries on the Wyoming Public Access Telehealth Spaces (PATHS) program. WSL is housing the landing page for the project and assisted the public libraries involved. PATHS is a University of Wyoming initiative to provide accessible and equitable telehealth services for Wyoming residents. The PATHS program currently has pilot telehealth spaces in three Wyoming county libraries: Goshen, Natrona, and Park counties.

The State Library migrated the Digital Collection spider software from ETS servers to a cloud-based platform vendor. The spider “crawls” 67 state agencies, boards, and commission websites monthly to pull back born digital publications for the State Publications digital collection.

The Wyoming State Library conducted 56 training sessions with more than 288 library workers, state employees, teachers, Wyoming residents, and others during the FY2024 period. Archived training videos were accessed 10,498 times and watched for over 470 hours.