WYLD Governing Board Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2025

Call meeting to order (Welcome new board members) 11:05am

Members in attendance:

Kip Roberson, President
Michelle Humber, Vice-President
Katrina Brown, Academic Library Representative
Nathan Bender, K-12/Special Library Representative
Cristine Braddy, Small Public Library Representative
Anita Marple, Member-at-Large
Abby Beaver, State Librarian
Desiree Saunders, WYLD Program Manager

Members not in attendance:

Lorene Heinzen, Large Public Library Representative
Karen Horner, Member-at-Large
Kate Mutch, Recorder

Approval of Agenda: Nathan Bender moved, Anita Marple seconded; approved
Approval of May 15, 2025 meeting minutes: Katrina Brown moved, Michelle Humber seconded; approved

State Librarian Report—Abby Beaver:

1. Received two requests in the past month from a board member in one county and a commissioner in another county for access to the ILS. One request was related to a budget issue/looking for alternative ways to run the library. The board member request was someone operating outside board member responsibility.
2. IMLS update: The IMLS director asked for $500,000 (lower than typical budget request); Congress is in the approval process; Senate has approved, now in the House.
3. Database authentication changes update: With the University of Wyoming database authentication requirement, need to reach out to school libraries for access to these databases. WSL has purchased GALE InContext Middle and High School, effective September 1, as these were no longer included in the UW contract. Goshen County (Cristine) has worked with schools on library card registration for students; Teton County (Kip) is working on a process.

WYLD Program Manager Report—Desiree Saunders:

1. Regarding dual-enrollment student access, there is no change from UW's standpoint, no exceptions made to the library card requirement.; UW indicating that community colleges are working with students on card access. Sharing extensive messaging on GoWYLD so patrons know which databases require additional authentication. Starting to receive more questions about this.

2. ILL migration project is in the training phase. In-person regional trainings coming up in Gillette and Casper, and a Region 5 training will be held on September 4th. Cody and Rock Springs trainings complete. Zoom options are still available. Working on Item Type changes with library systems to clarify non-requestable items. The October launch target is looking good. Working on a patron communication process.
3. Aspen update: We are switching hosting partners from Bywater to Grove for Libraries. Hope for better stability and development options. Migration is planned for September, but the contract is still pending. A timeline with anticipated impacts will be shared soon. Minimal downtime is expected (due to a switch in DNS from one vendor's servers to another).
4. Job search underway to fill the Bibliographic Services Librarian position in the WYLD Office. Staff in Information Services will continue to create original cataloging records until a new person is able to take on those duties.

Old Business:

1. WYLD Annual Survey: We looked at the survey results. Total attendance at conference was 71 (includes 6 WSL staff). Katrina highlighted the survey comment that indicated staff couldn't attend due to lack of funding. The board consensus was to explore McMurry Foundation funding to assist libraries with travel expenses. A board member was affirming that a larger group of people were part of the planning group for WYLD Annual and that this should continue.
2. Wyoming Legislature—Obscenity Laws—LSO Overview of Library Online Materials & Platforms: Abby observed that the Joint Judiciary Committee did not have questions for the Legislative Services Office (LSO) on this document; committee seems more interested in physical materials. Katrina commented that the age verification issue will still come up, and we should be prepared to talk about it. Age-restricted cards is a topic we need to be prepared to address. We discussed what we need to do to be prepared for potential WYLD policy changes if legislation goes into effect July 1, 2026.

New Business:

A. Reminders for new board members: read the WYLD bylaws and look for any needed revisions

B. 2026 WYLD Annual Conference location: Sheridan College (Jennifer Anderson is the contact) has volunteered to be the host site. We discussed and then voted to approve this location. Katrina moved and Cristine seconded.

Governing Board Reports:

Katrina reported that she was working on BOCES language for the approval form parents sign for their high school student. Libraries will be included in the language on the form. Anita mentioned that one of her library board members is also a board member for a new organization called the World Library Association, and entity which exists to be an alternative to the American Library Association.

Nathan Bender moved, Michelle Humber seconded to adjourn. Adjournment at 11:55am

Next meeting: September 11, 2025