

WYLD Board Resolution Affirming Library Information System (LIS) Access Standards

Resolution of the Wyoming Library Database Consortium (WYLD) Board of Directors

WHEREAS,

The Wyoming Library Database Consortium (WYLD) operates a statewide shared Library Information System (LIS) that relies on consistent standards, shared governance, and mutual trust among its member libraries; and

WHEREAS,

WYLD is a member-governed consortium led by a board elected by and representative of its participating libraries, and while the State Librarian plays an important statutory and oversight role, including authority to grant or deny certain access requests, the WYLD Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining consortium policies, standards, and participation requirements; and

WHEREAS,

One of the foundational requirements of WYLD membership is that access to the LIS is restricted to authorized library employees in order to protect the security and integrity of shared patron and bibliographic data, ensure compliance with privacy and confidentiality obligations, maintain accountability through defined employment relationships and supervision, and reduce risk related to data breaches, misuse, or inconsistent application of policies; and

WHEREAS,

The WYLD Bylaws and participation agreements state that access to the LIS may not be extended to non-employees, including volunteers, unless permission is explicitly granted by the State Librarian; and

WHEREAS,

Granting case-by-case exceptions for non-employee access undermines uniform membership standards, creates inequities among member libraries, introduces additional legal, security, and privacy risks, and sets precedents that are difficult to manage or reverse within a shared statewide system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The WYLD Board of Directors affirms that access to the WYLD Library Information System is limited to authorized library employees of member libraries.
2. The WYLD Board affirms that non-employees, including volunteers, are not eligible for LIS access under existing membership requirements.

3. The WYLD Board expects that requests for LIS access by non-employees, including volunteers, will be denied by the State Librarian in order to preserve the integrity, security, and equitable governance of the consortium.
4. The WYLD Board affirms that any change to LIS access eligibility must occur through a formal review and revision of consortium policies and participation requirements, rather than through individual exceptions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

This resolution is adopted in the interest of long-term sustainability, system security, equitable treatment of member libraries, and continued trust in WYLD's shared governance framework.

Adopted by the WYLD Board of Directors

Date: January 8, 2026