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Desiree Saunders Named WYLD Manager

Desiree Saunders is the new WYLD Program Manager at the Wyoming State Library. Saunders moves into the position vacated by Brian Greene, who is now the Library Development Manager. Saunders joined the WSL in 1996 as its first Electronic Resources Librarian and worked in reference.

“My first two summers were spent traveling thousands of miles of Wyoming doing training,” she said. “I met people all across the state who I still count as friends, 20 years later.”

She moved into the WYLD Office in 1998, working with the then new web-based public access catalog and learning how to support ILS software. During her tenure in the WYLD Office she has had a wide variety of experiences with two different Integrated Library Systems (DRA and SirsiDynix).



She’s also managed Electronic Resources and watched GoWYLD go from just a handful of databases to the rich content portal it is today with everything from encyclopedias to ebooks.

“I feel privileged to have worked with everyone in the WYLD group for so many years,” Saunders said. “I’ve benefited immensely from their professionalism and experience. I think we’re going to continue to do great things for libraries in Wyoming, and I’m excited to see what the future will hold for us all.”

WLA Conference



The crowd gathered for the morning at Natrona County Public Library in Casper.

TRY THESE GREAT TOOLS FROM “WHAT THE TECH?”

More than 200 Wyoming library staff gathered at nine sites around the state—and more signed in from their desktops—to take part in the Wyoming Library Association 2016 conference on Oct. 27. This free conference employed a hybrid mix of live streaming, recorded videos, and on-site sessions to give the library community the opportunity to gather, learn, and network.

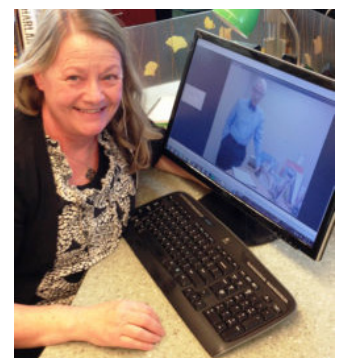
Volunteers at host sites made it possible for participants to gather in person at a location near them. These were located at Campbell County Public Library in Gillette, Park County Library

in Cody, Casper College Library, Crook County Public Library in Sundance, Eastern Wyoming College Library in Torrington, Teton County Library in Jackson, University of Wyoming Coe Library in Laramie, Western Wyoming Community College Hay Library in Rock Springs, and the Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne.

Each site saw a live stream of the morning keynote speech by Bob Beck, News Director of Wyoming Public Radio, and the afternoon keynote by Eugene Gagliano, author and Wyoming State Poet Laureate. In addition, all host sites had the opportunity to pick from a list of pre-recorded programs.

In Gillette, participants could attend one of three concurrent sessions, and the Cody site offered four. Some held live programs onsite. The WSL sent Chris Van Burgh to Sundance to give a tour of the GoWYLD databases and Paige Bredenkamp to Casper for a hands-on makerspace session. Torrington participants received information on how to get involved with the upcoming solar eclipse in 2017.

Individuals who couldn’t make it to a host site were able to access all webinar and video offerings. All conference videos and keynotes are



Suzi Worthen logging in remotely from Lyman.

available online. Find descriptions and links on the [WLA website](#), or go to the [playlist](#) on the Wyoming State Library's YouTube channel. See photos from the conference on the [#WYLA16](#) hashtag on Twitter (click on the "latest" tab to see all of them) or in this [Google Drive folder](#).

TRY THESE GREAT TOOLS FROM "WHAT THE TECH?"

A perennial favorite at the Wyoming Library Association is the whirlwind tour through the newest tools, the "What the Tech is That?" session. Check out [this year's presentation on YouTube](#) and see the list of featured technologies with links below

- [Gigs 2 Go](#) - USB storage devices;
- [ili translator](#) - wearable language translator;
- [mini USB for iPhone and Android phones](#);
- [Cookie Caster](#) - custom 3D cookie cutter design tool;
- [Graph Words](#) - free online thesaurus mapping tool;
- [Playposit](#) - video interaction tool;
- [Squishy Circuits](#) - play dough that conducts electricity;
- [FBI Vault](#) - collection of over 6,700 documents converted from FOIA requests;
- [This To That](#) - helps you choose the correct adhesive for the materials you need to glue;
- [Librarian Design Share](#) - a place for librarians to share their designs, such as posters, templates, logos, etc.;

- [Sphero Robot Ball](#);
- [Bee Bots](#);
- [Cubelets](#) - modular robotics;
- [LittleBits](#);
- [Makey Makey](#);
- [Freesound](#);
- [SoundBible](#);
- [Free Sound Effects](#);
- [Audio Micro](#);
- [LRC STEM Curriculum Materials](#).

WSL News

JOB OPENING AT THE WSL: WYLD SYSTEMS LIBRARIAN

[Full job description](#)

Salary: \$3,742.00 – \$4,678.00 monthly
 The Wyoming State Library seeks an experienced individual to serve as a Systems Librarian for the WYLD Network office in Cheyenne. The Systems Librarian will assist the WYLD System Administrator in working with member libraries, committees, vendors, and other State Library staff to support and enhance the shared Integrated Library System (SirsiDynix Symphony). [Learn more](#).

Although this position is open until filled, review of applications has already begun. Those interested in applying should do so right away.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE DEADLINES UPCOMING

Entries are now being accepted for the 2016-17 [Letters About Literature](#) reading and writing contest. LAL is a Library of Congress national reading/writing promotion program for students in grades 4-12.

Students are asked to write to an author (living or dead) who inspired them. Classroom entries are welcome. A [teaching guide](#) is available that provides activities and addresses how the program can dovetail with curriculum for teaching reading, and writing.

Download [guidelines](#) and read past winners on the [Letters About Literature website](#). Postmark deadline for students in grades 9-12 is Dec. 2, and for grades 4-8 is Jan. 9. Questions may be directed to Susan Mark, Wyoming State Library publications specialist, at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915.

DOWNLOADABLE EBOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SCIENCE COLLECTION

The Wyoming State Library has added [cloudLibrary ebook titles](#) to its professional library science collection. No need to wait for that interlibrary loan to ship—download these any time you want on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Check out [our first batch](#) of great titles. We'll add more as time goes on and put out

the word we have new arrivals. And, of course, you'll still find current print library science materials held at WSL in WYLDCAT.

Questions about library science materials or suggestions for purchase? Contact Paige Bredekamp at paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6331.

Around the State



EXPERIENCING VIRTUAL REALITY AT NATRONA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Come see how the Natrona County Library is using virtual reality with patrons and staff. From shooting cardboard zombies to deep sea exploration, painting on a 3D canvas to training as a robot, the virtual reality setup at the Natrona County Library redefines what it means to be a “Virtual Library.” Watch the [video on YouTube](#). It's one of the many [recorded programs](#) from the Wyoming Library Association 2016 conference.



LANDER LIBRARY HOSTS 'COWBOY CARNEGIES' TRAVELING EXHIBIT

From Tina Jayroe, Lander Library Branch Manager

During the month of October, Fremont County Library System-Lander hosted a traveling exhibit about Wyoming’s historic Carnegie libraries. Events included a presentation by speaker Barbara Bogart. The project was developed by the Alliance for Historic Wyoming.

Lander is one of the original 16 Carnegie libraries in the state of Wyoming, and it still functions as an integral part of the library’s operations. The library opened its doors in 1909 thanks to a contribution of \$15,000 for the construction of the building from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It's still treasured and used by the City of Lander as a social and educational meeting place.

For more information about Lander’s Carnegie library, email landerlibrary@fclsonline.org for a copy of the article “Origins of Fremont County Library Date to 1906” written by Barbara Oakleaf and published by the *Wind River Mountaineer*.

UW ANN SIMPSON ARTMOBILE VISITS NIOBRARA COUNTY LIBRARY

From University of Wyoming News

The [University of Wyoming Art Museum’s](#) Ann Simpson Artmobile hosted the exhibition “Surrealism: Visions of the Mind” at the Niobrara County Library in Lusk in November.

The exhibit featured the work of 15 different artists, representing the international significance of this 20th century artistic movement.

The Ann Simpson Artmobile program is a free core outreach program for the UW Art Museum, taking museum-quality original artwork statewide for the past 35 years. On average, the Artmobile travels two to three weeks out of every month to Wyoming communities that have little or no access to original art.

The Artmobile reaches out to people of all ages, backgrounds, and developmental abilities with special focus given to Wyoming’s K-12 schools and underserved populations including seniors, veterans, and individuals with special needs.

Databases & Electronic Resources

GOWYLD E-CONTENT GREAT RESOURCE FOR CREATIVE WRITERS

[National Novel Writing Month](#)—affectionately known as NaNoWriMo—is past its midway point. Every November, writers take the challenge to write a 50,000-word novel, start to finish, in one month.

[GoWYLD digital content](#) offers great resources for writers. [Zinio for Libraries](#) offers the magazines *Poets & Writers Magazine*, *The American Poetry Review*, *The Writer*, and *Writer's Digest*. [cloudLibrary](#) has *On Writing* by Stephen King, *Reflections: On the Magic of Writing* by Diana Wynne Jones, and *On Writing Well, 30th Anniversary Edition* by William Zinsser. A search for “writing” in the newly added [Total Boox](#) found 400 books!

GALE ADDS STEM EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS TO KIDS INFOBITS

In the [GoWYLD](#) resources, Gale has recently added approximately 560 educational videos to [Kids InfoBits](#), with dozens more to come. Focusing on STEM concepts for elementary

students, the 1-3 minute videos cover topics such as the sun, Earth, minerals, simple machines, water, plants, energy, and many more. The videos can help children who are visual or auditory learners, and can be incorporated into elementary classroom instruction. Full text transcriptions accompany each video to allow students to read along, get correct spelling, and quote the message. The videos are done in English, but the text transcriptions can be machine-translated into over 20 languages.

Training Webinars

Two new webinars from the Wyoming State Library are available on the archive:

[STEAM it UP with GoWYLD.net](#)

Look at how GoWYLD.net can support your STEAM projects and programs.

[Veterans Day and GoWYLD.net](#)

Explore GoWYLD.net databases that inform us on wars and conflicts, look into the lives of those in the armed forces, and explore what was happening in our state during WWI. Includes ProQuest's Trench Journals and Unit Magazines, History in Context, History Makers, and Wyoming Newspapers.

Find many more archived webinars on the WSL [YouTube channel](#) and check out our [training calendar](#) for upcoming free, online events.

Trustee Corner

ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LIBRARY AT WLA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION JAN. 19

Looking for an opportunity to advocate for libraries with Wyoming legislators? The



Wyoming Library Association has set Jan. 19 as its date for its 2017 legislative reception. The event will be held in Cheyenne at the Wyoming State Library. It's an event where you can mingle with state legislators and thank them for their support of libraries.

There will also be free, face to face training for library trustees during the day. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend.

School Libraries

ESSA ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

From Paige Bredenkamp, WSL School Library Consultant

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, I attended the Wyoming Department of Education Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Roundtable in Casper. It was a meeting to discuss concerns about the

new law from different points of view. When the WDE opened the floor to our comments, I spoke about how important it is for teachers to collaborate with school librarians.

Now that ESSA has replaced No Child Left Behind, teachers don't have to bear the burden of accountability on their shoulders alone. Giving time to allow teachers and teacher librarians to work together will be a huge benefit to students and to education as a whole. As trained teachers, school librarians can work effectively with other educators in the school and, because they see every student in the building, promote equity. I also mentioned that school librarians are often at the forefront of new technology.

[Sign up](#) to be on the ESSA workgroup to look over the draft and make suggestions. You can also submit comments to WDE on the [online form](#). The WDE is sponsoring a listening tour to solicit public comments about the ESSA law and state plan. Remaining dates and locations are:

- Dec. 1: Western Wyoming Community College, RSC 3650 A and B Meeting Rooms, Rock Springs;
- Dec. 7: Northwest College, Fagerberg Bldg. Room 70, Powell;
- Dec. 8: Laramie County Community College, Center for Conferences and Institutes Room 121, Cheyenne.

All listening sessions are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Grant Opportunities

[Great Stories Club: “Nature vs. Nurture: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide.”](#)

Deadline: Dec. 30, 2016

The Great Stories Club (GSC) gives underserved youth facing significant challenges the opportunity to read, reflect, and share ideas. Libraries selected receive books to use in YA reading and discussion groups, programming support materials, and training.

[Jan Merrill-Oldham Professional Development Grant](#)

Deadline: Dec. 1, 2016

This award allows for librarians with five or fewer years of experience in the field to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference. The award is \$1,250 to be used toward registration fees, airfare, and lodging.

[Romance Writers of America Library Grant](#)

Deadline: Dec. 5, 2016

This \$4,500 grant can be used toward the purchase of romance fiction, author honorariums and travel expenses, and other applicable program expenses.

[NEA Big Read](#)

Deadline: Jan. 26, 2017

Approximately 75 organizations in communities of varying sizes across the country will be selected to participate in NEA Big Read from

September 2017 through June 2018. Big Read supports community reading programs around an NEA Big Read title selected from 28 choices.

People News

MATT SWIFT NAMED WYOMING STATE LAW LIBRARIAN



On Oct. 1, Matt Swift was named Wyoming State Law Librarian. Swift has been with the Law Library since 2013 and has served as Interim State Law Librarian since August. Matt has lived in Wyoming over 30 years. Prior to joining the Wyoming State Law Library, Swift worked for the Laramie County Library System for more than eight years. He joined LCLS as a reference

specialist in 2005 before becoming serials and acquisitions coordinator in 2007.

While he worked at Laramie County Library, Swift earned his Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Texas, graduating in July 2013. He had support for his MSLS through the SWIM program. SWIM was funded by an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program that the Wyoming State Library, in collaboration with three other state libraries, applied for and administered.

WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HONORS RIFE, ARMSTRONG

The Wyoming Library Association honored two of its members for their outstanding contributions to librarianship at its Oct. 27 conference.

Jennifer Rife was named “Outstanding Heroine” for the many ways she inspires community engagement. Rife is the Design and Humanities Coordinator within Community and Media Relations at the Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne. She was nominated by Reese Ruiz, LCLS Community & Media Relations Manager.



Judy Armstrong was named “Outstanding Librarian” for her dedication providing services outside the library. Armstrong is the Homebound Services Librarian for Sheridan County Public Library System. She was nominated by Cameron Duff, Library Director.



PEOPLE IN BRIEF

After five years, Aubry Ellis has resigned as Library Assistant in the Teen Department of the Riverton Branch Library. She has accepted a position as Library Aide at St. Stephens School.



Calendar

Jan. 19

[Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception](#)

March 5-11

[Teen Tech Week](#)

Book Reviews

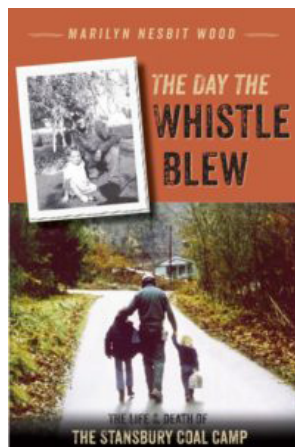
The Wyoming State Library runs regular Wyoming-related book reviews on this blog and in the Outrider newsletter. Would you like to be on our reviewers list? Do you have a book you'd like us to consider? Contact Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5915.

The Day the Whistle Blew: The Life and Death of the Stansbury Coal Camp

By Marilyn Nesbit Wood

Glendo, Wyo.: High Plains Press, 2014

Like a Grandma Moses painting, this book is a genuine, unadorned account of the company coal town of Stansbury set up by the Union Pacific Railroad in 1944, located north of Rock Springs, Wyoming.



Marilyn Nesbit Wood grew up there, where her father, John Nesbit, was a foreman who supervised over three hundred miners in the deep dark. The townsfolk of Stansbury could hardly have hoped for such a sensitive, vivid portrayal of their lives, as told firsthand through the experiences of the Nesbit family.

The straightforward writing and memories of the author are poignant, brave, and moving as she describes the day the mine whistle blew for her own family, and how they managed to survive and adapt. Now only a memory, the town itself was eventually bulldozed after the coal seams ceased to be profitable in 1959.

This book is highly recommended for documenting the social side of Wyoming coal history. It reveals a remarkable family and serves as a eulogy for an otherwise little remembered town.

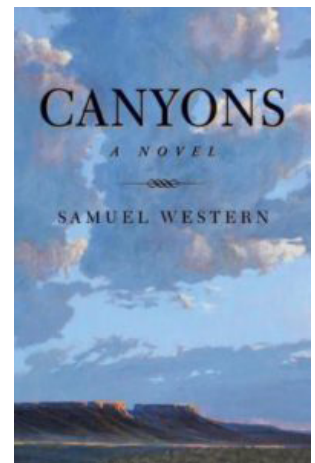
*Nathan E. Bender, Interim County Librarian
Albany County Public Library*

Canyons: a Novel

By Samuel Western

McKinleyville, California : Fithian Press, 2015

Way back in the early '70s, two men have an experience that unites them for eternity. What to do? They walk away, they live their lives, while each is tortured by failings and memories.



Eric, a different kind of guy, a talented musician, raised in Nebraska, and Ward, son of an important and wealthy family, cross paths

in Idaho during a college hunting trip. This day changes their lives. Eric goes on to live in California following his music but never realizing his potential. Ward experiences setbacks and demons and doesn't work through his feelings.

They both succeed on a functional level but the guilt and the anger are always present. A college reunion is scheduled and both are drawn in. Ward invites Eric to come to Wyoming where they could go on a hunting trip.

Each has a plan on how this trip will transpire. Here they are, in a canyon in the back country, both have guns. The reader can feel the tension, you continue to read with dread knowing how this could end.

Cindy Moore

In Brief

DIGITAL SHIFT E-CONFERENCE ARCHIVES AVAILABLE

If you missed the Digital Shift e-Conference in October, you can view the archived sessions for free — just scroll down, [click view archive](#), and register. This eighth annual Digital Shift virtual conference focused on the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital transition's impact on libraries and their communities.

IS YOUR LIBRARY FOUNDATION WEBSITE READY FOR #GIVINGTUESDAY?

First there's Thanksgiving, then Black Friday, then Cyber Monday. Then, on Nov. 29, there's [Giving Tuesday](#), kicking off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. As people get their gift giving in order (and reflect on their taxes), December is when your library foundation can bring in significant donations.

Is your website ready? Your call to action clear? Your donation forms easy to navigate? Give your a checkup with these [10 Tips to Improve Your Giving Tuesday and Year-End Donation Pages](#) from Techsoup.

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