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ESSA News Listening Tour

Wyoming Dept. of Ed is sponsoring a listening tour to solicit public comments about the ESSA law and state plan. It would be great to have school library representation at each of them. On the next page is a summary of the roundtable that I attended in Casper on October 26. Here is the schedule of the upcoming tour:

Nov. 3: Central Wyoming College,
Student Center 103, Riverton

Nov. 9: Gillette College, GCMN 120
Presentation Hall, Gillette

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
scheduled for 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Coming Up

Nov. 10: Database of the month:
GoWYLD and Veteran's Day 11-12
pm [http://library.wyo.gov/services/training
/calendar](http://library.wyo.gov/services/training/calendar)

**Nov. 17: pyro-TECH: School Libraries,
IGNITE!** 2:30-3:30 pm Discover smart tech
tools to use in school library.
[http://library.wyo.gov/services/training/cale
ndar](http://library.wyo.gov/services/training/calendar)



Election Section

The US Gov't Publishing Office has made available "How to Become President of the US" poster and lesson plans for use in teaching this election process. Access these at <http://bit.ly/2eKT0Tj> or go to Kids.gov

New Books

Wyoming State Library has added new 3M Cloud books to the Professional Collection. Find books about all things library, from cataloging to weeding, to instruction, and more! Here is a list of new titles that you can download now: <http://library.wyo.gov/wsl-adds-new-ebook-library-science-collection>

Feel free to share this with other Wyoming school library staff members that you know who. If they are not on the Wyoming Library Association School Library mailing list, encourage them to sign up for emails. I would be happy to add their name to the list and visit with you about your school library program and how the State Library can support or assist you. See my contact information at the bottom of this email.

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ESSA News

On Wednesday, October 26 I attended the WDE ESSA Roundtable in Casper. It was a meeting to discuss concerns about the new law from different points of view. Several principals, superintendents, teachers and others were there to voice their concerns and suggestions, as well as several state senators. Patrick Rooney from US Dept. of ED was there to talk about ESSA from the federal perspective and to hear ideas from those of us in Wyoming. It was an interesting conversation. Hearing from those in different regions of Wyoming with different situations and circumstances was helpful in trying to get a full picture of how big this new law is and how opportune this time is for school librarians.

When WDE opened the floor to our comments I spoke about how important it is for teachers to collaborate with school librarians. Now that we are out from under NCLB, teachers don't have to bear the burden of accountability on their shoulders alone, and 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, and so are a great partner for educators.

Much more needs to be said about the research that has been done, about school libraries being a differentiator between successful and less successful schools, about school librarians being leaders in their schools and districts. The latter has never been more apparent than now, when school librarians are taking such a big interest in this new law and stepping forward to help with the writing of the state education plan. Being a part of it at this level means school librarians will have an understanding of ESSA that many in education do not yet have.

Sign up to be on the ESSA workgroup to look over the draft and make suggestions
<https://edu.wyoming.gov/blog/2016/10/21/sign-up-for-essa-work-group/>

An online survey is also available to submit your comments to WDE
at: <http://bit.ly/2ejbklQ>

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