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## Join us at WLA Legislative Reception Jan. 19

Make plans to join the Wyoming Library Association for its annual legislative reception on Jan. 19, 2017 to thank your elected representatives for their support of libraries. This year's event will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave., Cheyenne. Library directors, employees, trustees, and volunteers are encouraged to attend and take this opportunity to meet and mingle with Wyoming state legislators and top elected officials. The reception will be preceded by a 5 p.m. briefing on issues before the legislature that may affect libraries.



What makes WLA's reception special is the home-cooked food. If you're able to bring a potluck dish, please contact Susan Mark at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov) or 307-777-5915 to let

her know what you are bringing and whether you will need an electrical outlet. Monetary donations toward reception food are also welcome.

### TRUSTEE AND DIRECTOR TRAINING

A free trustee and director training workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 19 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room at the Laramie County Public Library at 2200 Pioneer Ave. in Cheyenne. Presenter Jerry Krois will focus on leadership, board roles, policy governance, and other topics. Krois was a long-time Wyoming Deputy State Librarian, a former director of the Eaton Public Library, Colo., and a 10-year member/chair of the Meridian Trust FCU Board.

Questions? Contact Brian Greene, WSL Library Development Office manager, at (307) 777-6339 or [brian.greene@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.greene@wyo.gov).

Ready4K

Text messages to boost your child's learning.

### FREE READY4K SERVICE TEXTS EARLY LITERACY TIPS TO PARENTS

Parents across Wyoming can now sign up for a new, free texting service that delivers fun facts and easy tips to their phones. Called Ready4K, the texting service shows parents how to boost children's learning and get them ready for kindergarten. Wyoming libraries are encouraged to download the ready-to-print [flyer](#) and the [sample press release](#) to promote this service in their communities. The flyer also includes information on early literacy resources in [GoWYLD.net](#).

In the last year, the University of Wyoming's Literacy Research Center and Clinic teamed up with Stanford University to develop and research Ready4K to make this service available in Wyoming. Research shows that receiving these helpful texts can significantly increase children's learning. Parents and caregivers with children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to sign up for the free service, which provides three texts per week. The service is available in English and Spanish.

## WSL News

### WYOMING NEWSPAPERS NAMED AMONG TOP 75 GENEALOGY WEBSITES

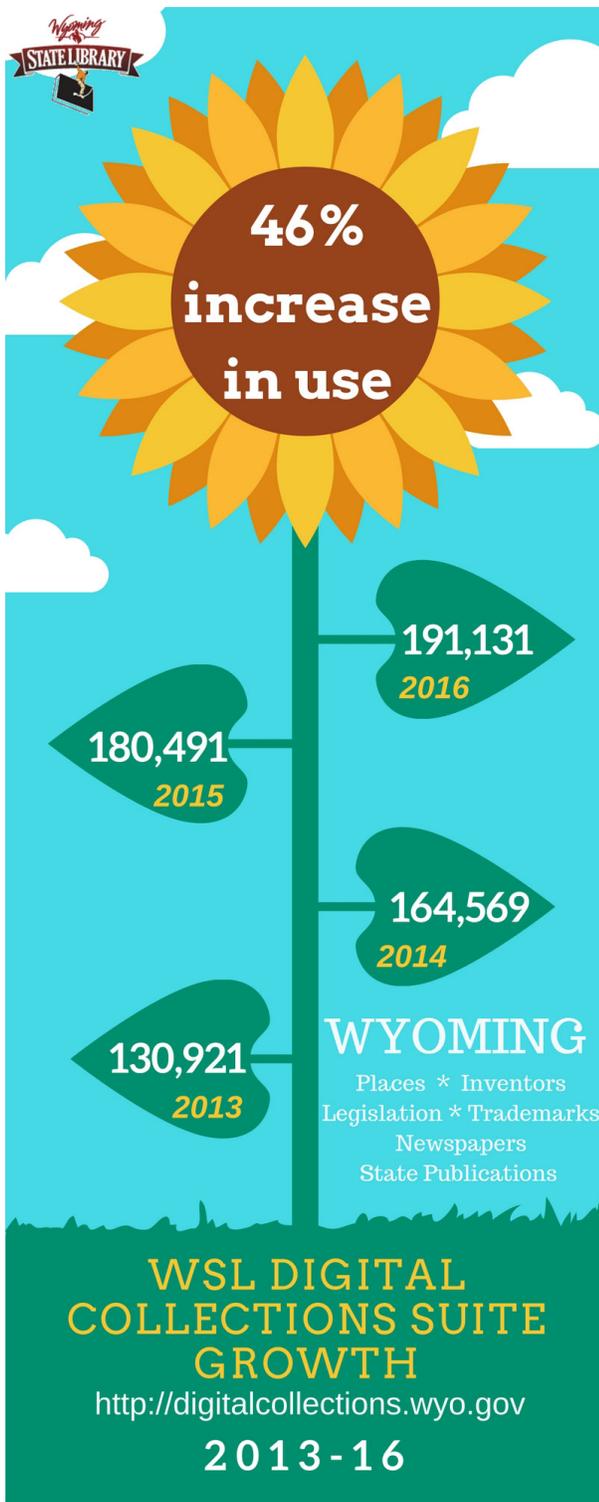
[Wyoming Newspapers](#) has been named to Family Tree Magazine's list of [75 Best State Websites](#) for Genealogy in 2016. This list honors the best websites that specialize



in genealogy research for each of the 50 US states. The 75 websites, available thanks to state archivists and librarians, historical and genealogical societies, volunteers, and others, represent the go-to online destinations for tracing American ancestors, state by state.

### STATE LIBRARY MARKS 145 YEARS

On December 16, 1871, the Wyoming Territorial Library opened its doors. Not only did the territorial librarian "have charge and custody of all books, papers, charts, engravings, paintings and all other things properly belonging to the library," they also were to collect minerals and geological specimens from the territory's residents. The 1871 Territorial Legislature Session Laws have the full text of the legislation. Find more details about the WSL's beginnings in *History of the Wyoming State Library* by Gwen Rice and Linn Rounds, available in [WYLD CAT](#).



## Databases & Electronic Resources

### WSL DIGITAL COLLECTION SUITE USE IS ON THE RISE

The State Library offers six great Wyoming history resources in its [Digital Collection Suite](#): Inventors, Legislation, Newspapers, Places, State Publications, and Trademarks. More and more people are discovering these great sites and all they contain. The infographic at left shows how much their use has grown over recent years.

### LESS JARGON, MORE PRACTICE: SUCCESSFUL EBOOK INSTRUCTION

Wyoming residents have great e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines available through [GoWYLD.net](#).

With Christmas upcoming, many library patrons will soon have new smartphones, tablets, and e-readers in their hands — perfect for downloading and reading this content.

Thinking about a program to help your patrons access these materials? Rebecca Starr, Information Services Librarian at the Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center in Baltimore, Md., offers some tips:

### Questions people may have about e-books

If you work on the public-facing side of the library, consider the questions you answer most frequently when it comes to e-books. For Starr, the most frequently asked questions are:

- How do I download e-books through the library?
- How can I return a book once I'm finished?
- I downloaded the book from the catalog. How do I access it?

### Planning the class

Considering these questions helped me determine the goals for her class. She hoped to introduce the class to the types of e-books they have available and practice downloading a book. She chose not to focus on cramming a lot of information into a two-hour session. If the only thing patrons left with was knowing they could download an e-book, She felt the class was a success.

[Read the full article](#) for more details on how she put together a successful ebook instruction program.

## Want More News?

Get the updates as they happen by following us on our [Wyoming Libraries blog](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

## Around the State



### TEN SLEEP LIBRARY TO EXPAND, THANKS TO CDBG GRANT

Washakie County has received a \$136,117 Community Development Block Grant to expand the Ten Sleep Branch Library by 1,600 feet to accommodate the Ten Sleep Youth Learning Center/After the Bell program.

The space will also be available to other community groups and for library events. The library is part of the Washakie County Library system. The Ten Sleep branch is a combined school/public library, and Washakie County School District #2 is among the project partners, donating the land for the expansion.

“We seem to be bursting at the seams!” said Karen Funk, Washakie County Library Director. “As they say, it takes a village to raise kids, and the library is and always has been a safe place for kids to go. I’m excited to be able to expand the building and welcome a meeting room for activities and programs.”

After the Bell provides educational, recreational, and social programs for all school age groups. It works directly with families that meet federal poverty guidelines. Ten Sleep has a population under 300, and its population is 54% low- to moderate-income. After the Bell is the only educational program for youth outside of school hours.

### CASPER COLLEGE GOODSTEIN LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL

*From Brad Matthies, Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library Director*

The Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library recently held its third annual book drive with the Wyoming Food For Thought Project. Food For Thought collects and distributes weekly food bags to K-12 Natrona County students in food-insecure situations.

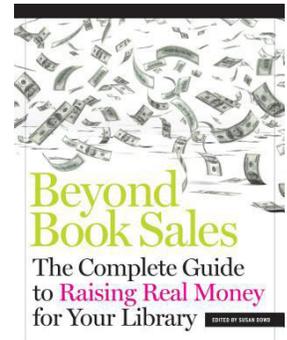


Over the winter break, they send home extra food to some 800 families in need. Casper College Library’s goal for the 2016 book drive was to send home at least one book to each of those 800 families. The library exceeded its goal by collecting over 1,200 books — enough that some children will receive two!

## Library Foundations

### FUNDRAISING TITLES FROM THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

Did you know the Wyoming State Library has books available to you to help jump-start your fundraising?



Find them in [WYLD CAT](#) and check them out with your public or community college library card. Stop by our building at 2800 Central Ave. in Cheyenne or order them interlibrary loan through your local library. Try these titles:

- *Train your board (and everyone else) to raise money : a cookbook of easy-to-use fundraising exercises.* Kihlstedt, Andrea. 2014
- *Successful library fundraising : best practices.* Wood, M. Sandra. 2014.
- *Over goal! : what you must know to excel at fundraising today.* Grace, Kay Sprinkel. 2006
- *Fundraising for libraries : 25 proven ways to get more money for your library.* Swan, James. 2002.
- *Beyond book sales : the complete guide to raising real money for your library.* Dowd, Susan. 2014.

- *The relentlessly practical guide to raising serious money : proven strategies for nonprofit organizations.* Lansdowne, David. 2008.
- *Raising funds with friends groups.* Herring, Mark Youngblood. 2004.

Contact Paige Bredenkamp at (307) 777-6331 or [paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov](mailto:paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov) with any questions.

## Training Webinars

These two new webinars from the Wyoming State Library are now available on the archive:

- [Pyro-TECH: School Libraries IGNITE!](#)  
Explore tech tools that are useful in school libraries. Fill your arsenal with new tech tools and discover reliable go-to resources to find tools on your own.
- [Let Zinio Help You Through the Holidays](#)  
Explore the Zinio digital magazine collection: how to create an account and login, an overview of the collection, and locating help and tutorials. Find crafts, quilting, cooking, kids and more.

You can find many more archived webinars from the State Library on our [YouTube channel](#). Be sure to check out our [training calendar](#) for upcoming free, online events.

## Trustee Corner

### WEBINAR JAN. 26: TOWARD TECH SAVVY TRUSTEES

The more that trustees are dialed into a personal use of technology, the better advocates they will be for the library's technology needs. Learn some fun and practical ways to inspire greater tech savviness in your trustees. This free webinar, hosted by WebJunction in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, will take place at 1 p.m. MST, Thursday, Jan. 26. [Learn more and register.](#)

## School Libraries

### ESSA IN WYOMING UPDATE

The Every Student Succeeds Act Listening Tour, sponsored by Wyoming Department of Education, has closed with the final stop in Cheyenne on Thursday, Dec. 8. The comment period is still open via online survey through Dec. 31.

The WDE is also looking for volunteers for the ESSA Work Group. Participants of the work group will review rough drafts of the state plan. [Visit the WDE webpage](#) to take the survey and to sign up for the work group.

## INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND THE INTERNET

On the [Blue Skunk Blog](#), Doug Johnson writes: “...we need to pay more attention to intellectual freedom issues around the Internet. Banned books seem to somehow benefit from the label. Banned websites too often go simply inaccessible to kids.” Here are a few articles he’s written on the topic:

- [The Neglected Side of Intellectual Freedom](#)
- [Happy Banned Websites Awareness Day and 7 Myths](#)
- [Marginalizing the Marginalized with Internet Filtering](#)
- [Power Up! / Why Facebook Belongs in Your School](#)

Check out [his full post](#) for more links and information.

## What's Happening at Your Library?

Have news you’d like to share? We’d love to hear it! Send your news items to Susan Mark, WSL publications specialist, at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov), or call her at (307) 777-5915. Keep Susan on your media list for press releases, too.

## People News

### KAREN LANGE RETIRES FROM LCCC

Karen Lange, associate dean of the Library & Learning Commons at Laramie County Community College, is retiring after a 41-year career in library services.



She began working in libraries in high school and completed her Master of Library Science at the University of Denver in 1975. After working at Sheridan College, the Denver Research Institute, Arapahoe Community College, and the University of Wyoming, Karen joined LCCC as the library director in 2003.

She was the first recipient of the UW Libraries Agnes Milstead Distinguished Librarian Award in 1993 and was named the Wyoming Library Association Librarian of the Year in 2007. Karen met her husband Bruce while working in a library, and she’s excited to join him in retirement and spend time with their first grandchild, expected in February.

**PEOPLE IN BRIEF**

**Ashley Will**, reference librarian at the Rock Springs Library, has earned her Master of Library Science degree with a concentration in leadership and administration from the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management. She has accepted a full-time information services librarian position at Salina Public Library in Kansas.

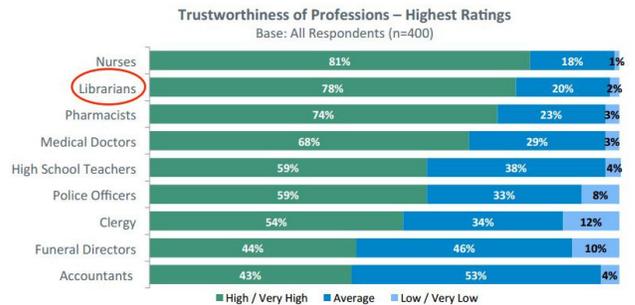


**Calendar**

- Jan. 19 [Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception](#)
- Feb. 16 [World Read Aloud Day](#)
- March 5-11 [Teen Tech Week](#)
- March 16 [Freedom of Information Day](#)
- April 1-30 [School Library Month](#)
- April 9-15 [National Library Week](#)

**In Brief**

**Maine State Library Study: Librarian One of the Most Trusted Professions**



A recent survey by the Maine State Library shows that librarians are the second most trusted professionals out of the 22 professions studied. When asked about their perceptions of trustworthiness, more than three-quarters of respondents (78%) rated librarians as “very high” or “high.” The only profession viewed as more trustworthy is nursing. [Read more on the Library Research Service blog.](#)

**2017 Big Talk From Small Libraries Call for Speakers**

The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2017 is now open. This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries, the smaller the better. Small libraries of all types – public, academic, school, museum, special, etc. – are encouraged to [submit a proposal](#) by Friday, Jan. 13, 2017. They’re looking for seven 50-minute presentations and

five 10-minute “lightning round” presentations. Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people preferred, but presenters from larger libraries will be considered.

### ***Library Journal* Paralibrarian of the Year Call for Nominations**

Library Journal will honor one support staffer with its 17th annual Paralibrarian of the Year award in its March 1, 2017, issue, along with a \$1,500 cash prize and a reception to honor the winner at the American Library Association conference. The award recognizes the essential role of paralibrarians in providing excellent library service. Nomination postmark or email deadline is Jan. 10, 2017. [See the guidelines](#) to learn how to nominate a deserving co-worker.

## Grant Opportunities

### **NEA Big Read Grants**

**DEADLINE: Jan. 26, 2017**

The National Endowment for the Arts is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 NEA Big Readgrants. An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

### **Lola Homsher Research Grant**

**DEADLINE: Feb. 28, 2017**

The Wyoming State Historical Society is offering

cash grants to people involved in research activities based on various aspects of the state’s history. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,500.

### **Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education**

**DEADLINE: Jan. 31, 2017**

Continuing education funds are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries. Applications are accepted six times during the year. The next deadline is Jan. 30 for events starting no earlier than March 1.

### **Bank of the West’s Charitable Investments Program**

**DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Bank of the West supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life, particularly of low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Grants available in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta, and Washakie counties.

## 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](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-5915.

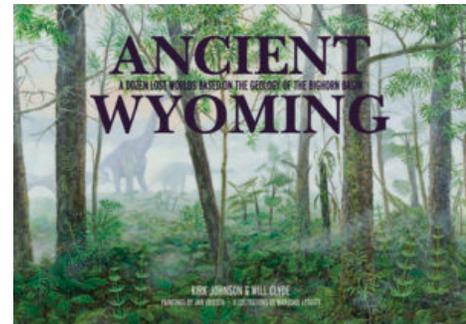
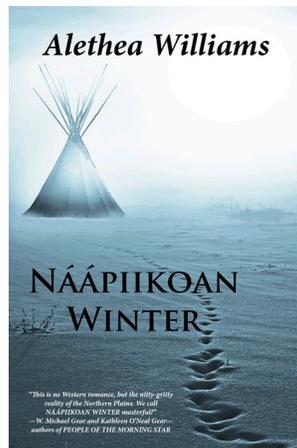
## Náápiikoan Winter

By *Alethea Williams*  
 Charleston, S.  
 Car.: CreateSpace  
 Independent Publishing  
 Platform, [2016]

One character is present throughout this work of historical fiction: Buffalo Stone Woman.

The adventure begins with her as a girl, Isobel. Buffalo Stone Woman, Sweetgrass Woman, Bear Dog, and Donal Thomas (a Náápiikoan, or white man with the Hudson Bay Company) find themselves living with the Piikani (Blackfoot of the Northern Plains). They individually struggle to fit in with a tribe not their own and to gain honor, respect, and personal fulfillment. They must navigate within defined roles for the Piikani according to gender, age, and their usefulness within the family and to the tribe. The cultural differences between the Piikani and the white man foster mistrust and misunderstanding and lead to unintended but significant consequences for the main characters. *Náápiikoan Winter* offers the reader a story that engages, is far from predictable, and is thought-provoking. The character development reflects the reality of flawed human decision-making, motivated by greed, emotions, and pride

Reviewed by **Renee Hanlin**  
 Children's Services Librarian  
 Powell Branch Library



**Ancient Wyoming: A Dozen Lost Worlds  
 Based on the Geology of the Bighorn Basin**  
 By *Kirk Johnson and Will Clyde*  
 Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Publishing, 2016

The authors bring the evolution of the land, plants and animals of Wyoming's Bighorn Basin to vivid life for readers of all ages. According to them "...the Bighorn Basin may be the best place on Earth to tell the story of our planet." Twelve distinct periods in the life of the Bighorn Basin are explained and illustrated with carefully researched paintings and detailed maps, charts and illustrations. The paintings illustrating each period covered show what the geological evidence has revealed about the evolution of the landscape of the Bighorn Basin. These and the maps, charts, and drawings that accompany the text provide a better understanding of the enormous changes that took place over millions of years in a way that is accessible to those interested in the history of our planet.

Reviewed by **Frances B. Clymer**  
 Director  
 Park County Library System