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## WLA Legislative Reception Just Days Away

It's almost here! The annual Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave. in Cheyenne. It's the perfect opportunity to meet and greet Wyoming's legislators and top elected officials. Make plans to be there to speak for libraries and to thank our representatives for their support.

The reception will be preceded at 5 p.m. by a legislative issues update from the WLA lobbyist.

The reception's success depends on the library community's potluck specialties. If you can provide a dish, contact Susan Mark at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-5915. Cash donations are also welcome.

Trustees and directors should come to Cheyenne early for a special training session just for them from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Laramie County Library,



*Brenda Mahoney-Ayres and Jill Mackey at the 2016 event.*

2200 Pioneer Ave. (Details in this issue under Trustee Corner.) If you are planning to attend, RSVP to Brian Greene, Library Development Manager, at [brian.greene@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.greene@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6339.

If you're in town during the day and want a personal tour of GoWYLD resources, contact Chris Van Burgh at [chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov](mailto:chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-3642. You might also browse the WSL's collection of library science materials. Stop by – we'd love to see you!

## WSL News



### KATIE RAHMAN JOINS THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

Katie Rahman has joined the Wyoming State Library as a Systems Librarian in the WYLD Office. Katie will be working with the rest of the WYLD team to support member libraries using SirsiDynix Workflows, Enterprise, and reporting tools. She moves into the position vacated by Desiree Saunders, who was promoted to WYLD Program Manager in October.

“We are very excited to have Katie join the WYLD Office,” Saunders said. “She has a strong customer service background and experience with the WYLD system from her work at Laramie County Library.”

Rahman worked for the Laramie County Library System from 2011 to 2014. She was in charge of interlibrary loan and also was a reference

specialist. Originally from New Mexico, she moved back there while she worked on her graduate degree. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University’s online program in 2016. During her course of study, she realized that her strengths and interests lay in the behind-the-scenes, technical aspects of librarianship.

Degree in hand, she knew she wanted to return to Cheyenne. “I like it here,” she said. “I like the library community.” Working for the Wyoming State Library held particular appeal, based on her interactions with WSL staff during her time at Laramie County.

“The times I worked with people at the State Library, everyone was very polite and professional and seemed to enjoy their jobs,” Rahman said. “I think excellent customer service is the key to a library’s success.”

## Around the State

### UW LIBRARIES GET HIGH MARKS ON STUDENT SURVEY

University of Wyoming Libraries received high marks from students in the most recent [UW Student Satisfaction Survey](#), conducted in November. The report said the library “is among the most positively evaluated units in our surveys.” The library was one of the most

frequently cited things students liked, and 95 percent of students were satisfied with library facilities and services — up from 2014 and significantly higher than national averages.

Dr. Ivan Gaetz, Dean of Libraries, said these results were all thanks to the dedicated and skilled team of library employees. “Service remains a top priority for UW Libraries,” he said. “As we move into strategic planning for the University, we envision ways to build on this tradition. We hope to develop new, innovative programs to support more fully the teaching, learning, and research mission of the University of Wyoming.”



## LCLS EXPLORES THE HISTORY OF WYOMING WATER WITH WATER/WAYS

After nearly two years of planning, Water/Ways is now on exhibit at the Laramie County Library through Feb. 19. The library is one of five venues in Wyoming chosen by [Wyoming Humanities](#) to host this traveling exhibit from the [Museum on Main Street](#) (MoMS), a service of

the Smithsonian Institution that brings exhibits to rural areas of the country.

There are three additional exhibits that go along with Water/Ways at the Laramie County Library:

1. The Wyoming State Engineer's Office (SEO) provided historic water gauges, instruments, maps, and documents that are on display for a glimpse of water history in the state.
2. Photography students and their teachers from Cheyenne's South High School have loaned prints of images they shot while touring the city's water treatment facility west of town.
3. A panel display on the third floor features biological and archaeological research on the Dinwoody Glacier in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming.

## WAS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE?

*Adapted from a blog post by Kaci Nicks, Reference Assistant at Laramie County Library.*

Here are six resources available through Wyoming libraries to help get you started with language learning:

1. [Mango](#) turns language learning into a game. The digital lessons are interactive and build

your conversation skills from the ground up. If you get tired of lessons, Mango also has a movie mode similar to Netflix. In this mode you can test your language skills while watching a foreign film. Currently, there are 72 languages available on Mango. This service is free for library patrons and can be accessed via [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net).

2. Wyoming libraries have a diverse selection of foreign films available on DVD.
3. Even busy people can squeeze in time to learn a foreign language. Using books on CD, you can turn your morning commute into a classroom on wheels. Our digital audiobook service, [OneClickdigital](http://OneClickdigital.net), also has several audiobook courses based on the studies of linguist Dr. Paul Pimsleur.
4. Learning Spanish? Find Spanish language materials at your library.
5. Of course, many libraries also have a robust selection of foreign language study books and dictionaries in the nonfiction collection. These items live in the 400s. However, if you want to learn more about the culture and geography behind the language you're studying, be sure to check out the 800s (literature) and 900s (travel and history) as well!
6. If you can't make it into the library then check out the latest addition to our e-book services, [TotalBoox](http://TotalBoox.com). With just a few clicks you can access titles such as The Everything Spanish Phrase Book for Health Care Professionals or 1001 Easy German Phrases.

## School Libraries



### HIGHLIGHT HOW YOUR LIBRARY IS INVOLVED IN DIGITAL LEARNING

[Digital Learning Day](#) is coming up on February 23, 2017, and the Wyoming Department of Education is planning a webpage with digital learning content.

Part of this content is highlighting best practices from teachers and educators in a variety of formats such as videos, blogs, or other media. This will demonstrate how digital learning is used in education and will be available for anyone interested to find ideas to use in their own lessons and programming.

Digital learning is any instructional practice that effectively uses technology to strengthen a student's learning experience. If you are interested in highlighting how you use digital learning in your school library, either in collaboration with teachers or solo, contact Paige Bredenkamp at [paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov](mailto:paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6331 to let her know.

## LUCAS RUNNING FOR AASL POST



Jennisen Lucas is running for the position of treasurer of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Lucas is a library media specialist for Park County School District 1, overseeing

Clark, Parkside, Southside, and Westside Elementary Schools. She's been an active member of the Wyoming Library Association School Library Interest Group (SLIG) and is currently co-chair of both SLIG and the Information Power planning committee. She has served as a Wyoming Delegate to the AASL Affiliate Assembly for three years, has served on the AASL Standards and Guidelines Implementation Committee, and is the L4L Liaison for Wyoming.

## Intellectual Freedom

### NEW REPORTING TOOLS FOR HATE CRIMES AND MATERIAL CHALLENGES

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has introduced upgraded tools that make censorship easier to report and easier to track. On Dec. 20, the office

rolled out a [simpler form](#) to document censorship and hate crimes, and a web page exclusively for [Challenge Support](#). The web page hosts the revised reporting form, as well as resources on reconsideration policies, discussions with concerned parents, and challenge procedures.

The Wyoming Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Advisor is Brian Greene, Library Development Manager at the Wyoming State Library. Contact him at [brian.greene@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.greene@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6339 if you face issues in your library.

## Databases & Electronic Resources

### TAKE A PERSONAL TOUR OF GOWYLD



*Chris Van Burgh*

If you are coming to Cheyenne for the Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception on Jan. 19 and would like to join Chris Van Burgh for a little [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net) show & tell/ Q&A at the Wyoming State

Library, please let her know at [chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov](mailto:chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-3642. She will be available on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning until 11:00, and Friday morning, and will be glad to meet either one on one or with small groups.

## 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH: 'BUFFALO BILL' CODY DIES

William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody died 100 years ago this month on January 10, 1917 in Lafayette, Colo. You can check out [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net) for more information about him:

- In [Britannica](http://Britannica) you will find a great article on this showman, as well as a 1901 video of the Wild West Show parade on 5th Avenue.
- In [Wyoming Newspapers](http://Wyoming Newspapers), explore front pages for the week of Jan 10, 1917.
- A search in [U.S. History in Context](http://U.S. History in Context) will result in images, biographical information, a link to the PBS American Experience audio: Buffalo Bill, and information on the Wild West Show.
- You can find his patent in [Wyoming Inventors](http://Wyoming Inventors).

## Library Foundations

### 5 REASONS YOUR DONATION PAGE MAY BE MISSING THE MARK

Today, people expect to be able to donate to your library foundation or friends group online. Are you getting everything out of your online donation page you can? Marketing expert John Haydon points out [5 Donation Page Blunders That Kill Fundraising Response Rates](#):

1. Your donation page doesn't work on mobile devices. Increasingly, people use their phones to access the Internet, including your fundraising page.
2. It doesn't have an emotional hook that would impel them to give.
3. Your message is inconsistent — stick to one message!
4. There are too many distractions. Don't make it hard for them to find where to give.
5. You don't clearly ASK for their donation. Telling them about the wonderful things your library does doesn't take the place of specifically asking your donors to give.

We will offer a 6th blunder — you don't have a donation page! Or, your donation page is too difficult to find. Make it easy for your donors to find you and give to you online for the best fundraising results.

## Trustee Corner

### DON'T MISS TRUSTEE TRAINING JAN. 19

Are you a trustee or director planning to attend the Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception? Then arrive early in Cheyenne to take advantage of training developed just for you. The session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room of the Laramie County Library at 2200 Pioneer Ave.

Training will be led by former Wyoming Deputy State Librarian Jerry Krois. In addition to his many years at the WSL, Krois is a former director of the Eaton Public Library in Colorado and a 10-year member/chair of the Meridian Trust FCU Board. He will focus on board leadership, board roles, policy governance, and other relevant topics. The session will include supplemental material for you, and we are trying to work-in a “prioritizing grid” exercise.

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## THE TRUSTEE’S ROLE IN ADVOCACY

From the [\*Wyoming Public Library Board Member’s Handbook\*](#)

*As library champions, library board members must be informed about local, state and national issues and innovations concerning library service. You must speak out, informally and formally, about your services and programs.*

### Speak Out...

- When our democratic rights and principles are threatened.
- With letters to newspapers and state and national legislators about the importance of preserving the library as the portal to the world’s cultural and scientific heritage.
- About library-related legislation; speak to your elected representatives as one public official to

another, both responsible for maintaining and sustaining public institutions and the allocation of funds.

### Speak For...

- The library as the community’s most important resource for people of all ages.
- Funding libraries to provide better service to a fast-growing population.
- Technology to provide outreach and communication services for the 21st century.
- Good salaries to recruit and maintain the best-qualified and most knowledgeable staff for collection development, authoritative resource identification, and customer service.

## People News

**Jeannette Woodward** is now serving as interim director of the Fremont County Library System until they are able to hire a permanent director. She may be reached at [jwoodward@fclsonline.org](mailto:jwoodward@fclsonline.org) or (307) 206-3104.

**Maura Hadaway** is now the interim associate dean of the Laramie County Community College Ludden Library. She may be reached at [mhadaway@lccc.wy.edu](mailto:mhadaway@lccc.wy.edu) or (307) 778-1204.

**Lida Volin** celebrated 40 years of working for the Natrona County Public Library in January. The library held an open house in honor of her many years of service on Jan. 11



## Calendar

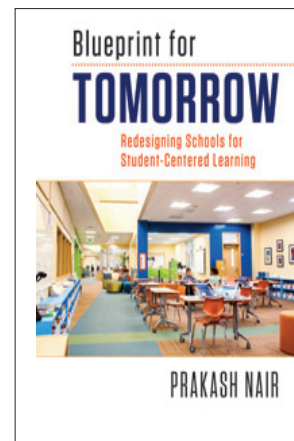
Jan. 19	<a href="#">Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception</a>
Feb. 4	<a href="#">Take Your Child to the Library Day</a>
Feb. 16	<a href="#">World Read Aloud Day</a>
Feb. 23	<a href="#">Digital Learning Day</a>
March 2	<a href="#">Read Across America Day</a>
March 5-11	<a href="#">Teen Tech Week</a>
March 16	<a href="#">Freedom of Information Day</a>

## Want More News?

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

## New Books

These are the latest additions to the Wyoming State Library's professional library science collection. These, and other great titles, are available at the WSL or through interlibrary loan sent straight to your library.



Questions, comments, or purchase suggestions may go to Brian Greene at [brian.greene@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.greene@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6339.

- [\*Blueprint for tomorrow : redesigning schools for student-centered learning\*](#)  
Prakash Nair. Cambridge, Massachusetts : Harvard Education Press, [2014].
- [\*The new librarianship field guide\*](#)  
R. David Lankes ; with contributions from others. Cambridge, Massachusetts : The MIT Press, [2016].
- [\*Adults just wanna have fun : programs for emerging adults\*](#)  
Audrey Barbakoff. Chicago : ALA Editions, an imprint of the American Library Association, 2016.

## In Brief



BECAUSE OUR  
DIVIDED NATION  
NEEDS CONVERSATION  
MORE THAN EVER.

A free learning series from  
ALA and the National Coalition  
for Dialogue & Deliberation  
Online sessions start Feb. 9.

### Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change Series Begins

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD) invite library professionals to attend a free webinar learning series, [Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change](#). The series will explore various dialogue facilitation approaches and position libraries to foster conversation and lead change in their communities. Registration is open for a one-hour introductory webinar on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at noon MST.

### #1lib1ref Wikipedia Campaign Runs Through Feb. 3

The second year of the #1lib1ref campaign began Jan. 15 and runs through Feb. 3, 2017, coinciding with Wikipedia's birthday. If librarians each add one reference to Wikipedia, those potentially thousands of citations to reliable sources will benefit Wikipedia readers worldwide. [Learn more on WebJunction](#).

### Connected Learning in Libraries

A recently released white paper, [Connected Libraries: Surveying the Current Landscape and Charting a Path to the Future](#), synthesizes current research, examples, and best practices

associated with promoting connected learning and 21st century skills in libraries. The connected learning framework emphasizes creative and social learning experiences driven by learners' personal interests.

## Grant Opportunities

### Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Grants

#### **DEADLINE: April 1, 2017**

The WCTF can provide grant funding of up to \$50,000 for all forms of arts and culture. Previous awards have averaged \$15,000. Two grant application deadlines annually: April 1 for projects beginning after July 1 and Oct. 1 for projects beginning after Jan. 1. Grant applications should address projects that are not traditionally served by, do not qualify for, or are beyond the programs or resources of the State Historic Preservation Office, Wyoming Arts Council, or Wyoming Humanities Council.

### Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant

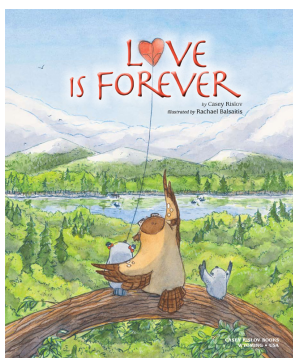
#### **DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 2017**

The ALA Learning Round Table will award up to \$1,000 to an individual to attend a professional development event between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. The recipient will be required to share their new learning with other Round Table members through media such as newsletters, blogs, listservs, etc. Applicants do not have to be ALA members to apply.

## Book Reviews

### **Love is Forever**

*By Casey Rislov, illus.  
by Rachael Balsaitis  
Casper, Wyo. : Casey  
Rislov Books, 2013*

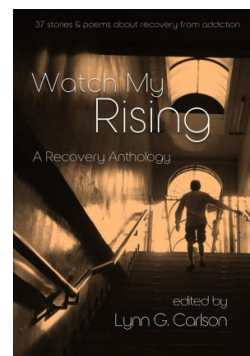


Death is not an easy subject to approach with children, but there are times in their young lives when they have questions or, sadly, they experience the loss of someone close to them. In *Love is Forever*, Casey Rislov attempts to make the topic more approachable for young children by explaining how even when someone we love dies, the love lives on in our memories and within us. Rachael Balsaitis did an excellent job with the adorable illustrations of the owl family dealing with their loss of Grandfather Owl. Perhaps the best part of the book is the wealth of information at the end in a “From the Experts” section. It includes advice from a pediatrician, a reverend, and a social worker, plus a resource list of websites and books to access when needed. All in all, this could be a helpful book to share with grieving children, and it just might remind the adult reader to not let go of the love that lives on, either.

*Mary Borthwick, Library Media Specialist  
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### **Watch My Rising: a Recovery Anthology, 37 Stories & Poems about Recovery from Addiction**

*Edited by Lynn G. Carlson  
Ft. Collins, CO : Tuliptree  
Publishing, 2016*



It's obvious the journey toward recovery from addiction to alcohol or drugs is never easy. The stories and poem in this book make that clear. This is no amateur production. The writings are polished, artful, and worthwhile. Many of the authors, who come from all over Wyoming, the country, and the world, have published books or articles in literary reviews. All have had experience with their own recoveries or that of others close to them. Reading the selections is comforting because most of the works offer a sense of hope for those fighting the addiction battle. The writers were not compensated monetarily; they received free anthology copies. We guess their motivation was purely to share their own personal responses and offer needed optimism. The book is a project of Recover Wyoming, a center assisting people seeking long-term recovery, which is located in Cheyenne. All involved with creation of this anthology deserve much praise for an outstanding effort.

*Edie Phillips, Technical Services  
Park County Library System, Cody*