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## WLA Conference Registration Now Open

Registration is now open on the [Wyoming Library Association website](#) for the 2017 conference to be held August 10-11 at Sheridan College. School librarians can also register for Information Power, which will be held on August 9 as a pre-conference event.

Events will kick off with lunch on Thursday, August 10 (vendors will open mid-morning), and conclude after lunch on Friday, August 11. Low-cost lodging options in the Villas at Sheridan College and in the residence halls are available in addition to a room block at the Holiday Inn.

The annual conference is a great opportunity to gather, connect, and learn with your fellow members of the Wyoming library community. On the agenda are the opening keynote luncheon, author and/or legislative luncheon, multiple breakout sessions, vendor booths, awards reception at the Sheridan Kooi Library,



*Thumb pianos at last year's "hybrid" conference. This year, we're back together as a group in Sheridan.*

and the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute basket raffle.

Find more details and register on the [WLA website](#). Registration will close on August 1; no late or on-site registration will be available.

Need assistance to attend? Check out [Nora Van Burgh](#) or [McMurry Endowment](#) grants. Deadlines are nearing, so apply now.



*Left to right: Janice Grover-Roosa, Senator Mike Enzi, Jamie Markus, Ivan Gaetz*

## WYOMING WELL-REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

On May 1-2, representatives of the Wyoming Library Association and State Librarian Jamie Markustraveled to Washington, D.C., as part of the American Library Association’s [National Library Legislative Day](#). Janice Grover-Roosa, Director of the Western Wyoming Community College Hay Library, provided us with this report of NLLD happenings. [Read more here](#).

*By Janice-Grover-Roosa  
Director, Western Wyoming Community  
College Hay Library*

National Library Legislative Day provided an ideal opportunity for librarians, library board members, and other library users to meet with their members of Congress to discuss the meaningful contributions libraries make around the country every day. Though coming from a state with such a small population can leave

Wyoming residents at a disadvantage from time to time, this isn’t the case when it comes to engaging in meaningful dialogue with our congressional representatives. Wyoming’s “one big town” mentality translated into three rich conversations between Wyoming librarians and members of Congress and their staff.

After President Trump released his preliminary budget, completely cutting the funds appropriated for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Library Services and Technology Act, librarians across the state were tasked with explaining what such a hefty cut would mean in terms of future library services and materials to library users.

Luckily for librarians, Wyoming congressional representatives have repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to Wyoming libraries, allowing these hard conversations to be straightforward and practical. Though it may be necessary to absorb some budget cuts, there’s little reason to believe all federal funding for libraries will be cut.

State Librarian Jamie Markus, University of Wyoming Dean of Libraries Ivan Gaetz, and I met with Senators Enzi and Barrasso, as well as Congressman Cheney, to talk to them in person about the value [LSTA funding](#) brings to libraries across Wyoming. We arrived in D.C. with letters written by library directors from around the state who shared firsthand accounts of the significance of library services to Wyoming residents.

Our congressional delegation was happy to welcome us to Capitol Hill to be a part of this important discussion, and they were grateful for information provided by Wyoming librarians.

## State Library News

### WYLD BOARD THANKS BRIAN GREENE



The WYLD Governing Board honored Brian Greene for his many years of service to the WYLD Network.

“The WYLD Governing Board appreciates Brian’s 16 years of leadership,” said Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Librarian. “His vision saw WYLD through many changes and improvements. We’re grateful for all he’s done for the libraries out in the state.”

Greene has worked 25 years for the Wyoming State Library. Currently, he is the WSL’s Library

Development Manager, a position he moved into in October of last year after 16 years at the helm as the WYLD Program Manager. Greene’s also been an active member of the Wyoming Library Association for more than 24 years, serving as President from 2007-08. He was named WLA Librarian of the Year in 1999.

### LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE 2016-17 WINNERS NAMED

The Wyoming State Library has named top honors in 2016-17 state-level competition in the [Letters About Literature Contest](#), a program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

The WSL awarded 5th grade student Connor Klindt of Laramie first place in Level 1 (grades 4-6). Kris Balstad, an 8th grader at Thermopolis Middle School in Thermopolis, took first place in Level 2 (grades 7-8), and Laramie 9th grader Arundathi Nair took first in Level 3 (grades 9-12). See the full list of award winners and their letters [on the WSL website](#).

Wyoming’s entries were judged by A. Rose Hill, a former Poet Laureate of Wyoming (Level 1); Mary Billiter, a romance author and award-winning weekly newspaper columnist with the *Casper Star-Tribune* (Level 2); and Laurel Shelley-Reuss, a comic artist and writer of graphic novels, webcomics, and tabletop role-playing games.



## DRIPS AND DROP CLOTHS AT THE WSL

Seed libraries might be trending, but at the Wyoming State Library we’re going for the greenhouse look with sheets of plastic in the stacks. Above, left to right, WSL staffers Robyn Mofield, Abby Beaver, Angie Wolff, and Travis Pollok are hard at work protecting documents from leaks and drips. Unlike at a seed library, we’re hoping nothing sprouts. The roof is slated for replacement this year.

## People News

**Debbie McCarthy**, Head of Technical Services at University of Wyoming Coe Library, has been elected to a three-year term on the OCLC Americas Regional Council (ARC), a part of OCLC’s Global Council.

**Enid Teeter**, Supervisor of Library Services, recently received the University of Wyoming Libraries’ Outstanding Staff Award.

## Around the State

### HAPPY FACES AT WYOMING READS



*Sharing a story at Natrona County Library.*

Wow, what a day! At the 2017 [Wyoming Reads](#) celebration held on May 16, nearly 8,000 books were distributed to first-graders at celebrations held in each of the state’s 23 counties. Governor Matt Mead issued a proclamation naming the date as Wyoming Literacy Day.

At many locations, celebrity readers volunteered to read books to the children. Many of the kids saw skits, including a special fairytale about “The Good Queen Sue”—a tribute to Sue Jorgensen, in whose memory this event was established.

Wyoming Reads focuses on the joy of reading, highlighted by each child receiving a hardback book with their name printed inside the cover, donated by the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation.



*The Isberg family on a camping trip, 1918.*

## SHRAB GRANTS PUT ISBERG FAMILY HISTORY ONLINE AT THE AHC

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is offering [grants of up to \\$2,500](#) for projects promoting preservation of and access to Wyoming's historical records. The deadline to apply for the grants is June 1.

One example of a [successful SHRAB grant project](#) is at the University of Wyoming American Heritage Center. The AHC digitized photographs, glass plate negatives, glass lantern slides, and stereo cards from the Isberg Family papers, a collection of a Laramie family with material dating from 1884 to 1930. The Isberg Family collection contains photographic material, primarily taken by William H. Isberg

in Laramie and Albany County. The Laramie photographs document the town as it appeared in the 1890s to about 1918.

Included are images of President Theodore Roosevelt's 1903 visit to Laramie. Other photographs show recreational activities in the country outside Laramie. Included are rock climbing, hunting, fishing, picnicking, and visiting at nearby ranches.

Contact Michael Strom, SHRAB Coordinator and Wyoming State Archivist, with any questions about the grants at [michael.strom@wyo.gov](mailto:michael.strom@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-7020.

## VOTE NOW FOR YOUR FAVORITE 2017 WYOMING ARTIFACT

The Wyoming State Historical Society, in partnership with the University of Wyoming Libraries, invites everyone, young and old, to participate in selecting "[Wyoming's Top Ten Most Significant Artifacts](#)" for 2017. Submissions received from libraries, museums, historical societies, and other institutions, were reviewed by a panel of independent judges to determine the top 15. The public is now invited to vote on the final top 10. The program was created in 2015 to celebrate the state's 125th anniversary, and it draws attention to the many fine institutions around the state that work diligently to preserve Wyoming's heritage. Voting ends on July 31.

# School Libraries

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES A COMPONENT IN WYOMING ESSA DRAFT PLAN



*Gannett Peak Elementary School Library*

In late April, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) announced the release of [Wyoming's draft Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) State Plan](#) for a 45-day public comment period. After much work on the part of the library community, school libraries are included in Wyoming's ESSA plan.

During the months this plan was drafted, school librarians and library supporters attended meetings and filled out surveys to provide their input. Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus and WSL School Library Consultant Paige Bredenkamp had numerous face-to-face conversations with WDE staff and participated

in work group meetings. The end result after many iterations: school libraries are formally recognized as an essential component of Wyoming's K-12 education system.

[Access the plan](#) and submit comments through [an online survey](#) through June 8, 2017. You can also submit comments by mail or at a June 7 public meeting in Laramie.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY HOTLINE

The School Library Paige has a new section, "School Library Hotline." This is an informal survey, usually one question, addressing a specific topic in the school library community. The question for April was about how school librarians are addressing literacy outside of their class time. May's question is about district staffing issues — [weigh in on that one here](#). Watch for your School Library Paige each month to see responses!

## COME TO INFORMATION POWER 2017

Come for Information Power in Sheridan on August 9, then stay for the Wyoming Library Association conference.

Information Power is a great learning and networking opportunity for school librarians, and this year, it's offered as a WLA pre-conference. One trip, two fantastic events. Learn more and register on the [WLA website](#).



## WYOMING BOOK AWARDS NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The nominees have been announced for the 2017-18 Buckaroo (grades K-3), Indian Paintbrush (grades 4-6), and Soaring Eagle (grades 7-12) book awards. Wyoming K-12 students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites. These award programs, a joint project of the Wyoming State Reading Council and the Wyoming Library Association, help children become acquainted with the best contemporary books and authors, learn what qualities make a good book, and set reading goals. See the [2017-18 nominees here](#) and [learn more](#) about the awards.

## Follow Us!

Follow us on our [Wyoming Libraries blog](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

# Databases & Electronic Resources

## LEARNING EXPRESS ADDS JOB AND CAREER CENTER

Job & Career Accelerator™ is the latest addition to [Learning Express Library](#) in [GoWYLD.net](#). Job & Career



Accelerator™ has powerful tools and expert guidance to help your patrons through every step of the job-hunting process. Users can:

- Explore over 1,000 different occupations
- Discover the career that's best for them
- Search job and internship postings
- Create professional resumes and cover letters
- Practice and master interviewing skills
- Get job-search tips and advice at every step
- Organize and track their job-search progress

Want to promote this newest Learning Express resource in your library? Find [ready-to-print bookmarks](#) from the Wyoming State Library's [marketing downloads](#) page. Learning Express Library also offers many more [promotional materials](#), including product sheets, graphics, and social media tips.

## ARCHIVED WSL WEBINAR: IN CONTEXT IN GOWYLD.NET

There are eight In Context databases in GoWYLD.net. [In this session](#) Chris Van Burgh, WSL Database Instruction Librarian, looks at some common features to all and some cool content within specific databases. She also looks at some of the support materials produced by Gale. Find more database training in the WSL [webinars index](#).

## Library Foundations

### CONVERSE COUNTY REACHES LIBRARY ENDOWMENT GOAL

Converse County Library is the latest to reach its goal for the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge. This is a state-funded program that offers matching funds for locally raised endowment dollars — 1:1, 2:1, or 3:1 based on county assessed valuations in 2008 when the Challenge was established. Fundraising partnerships, permitted under a 2015 amendment to the Challenge, helped put Converse County Library over the top.

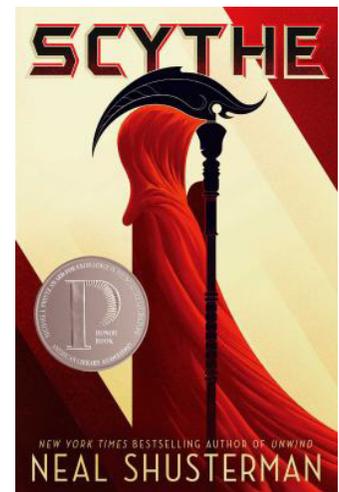
Converse is one of 15 Wyoming libraries that have hit 100% of their fundraising goals. Overall, the state's 23 public library systems are 90.6% of the way, having accessed \$17.1 million of

the \$18.35 million in match and incentive funds available to them. [Learn more](#) about the Endowment Challenge and see the [latest totals](#).

## Youth Services

### TEENS' TOP 10 NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has officially announced the 2017 Teens Top Ten Nominees. This year's list of nominees features 26 titles that were published in 2016.



YALSA is calling on libraries to encourage teens to read the nominees throughout the summer so they are ready for the national Teens' Top Ten vote, starting August 15. [Learn more and access a free Teens' Top Ten Toolkit](#).

### TEEN READ WEEK 2017: UNLEASH YOUR STORY

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has launched its 2017 [Teen Read Week](#) (TRW) website. YALSA encourages libraries to

connect with teens around the theme “Unleash Your Story” during Teen Read Week™, October 8–14, 2017. The free Teen Read Week site offers full access to a variety of resources for help planning Teen Read Week activities.

## Training

### ARCHIVED WSL WEBINAR: USING STATISTICAL DATA

Join the Wyoming State Library’s Research & Statistics Librarian, Thomas Ivie, and our School Library Consultant, Paige Bredenkamp, as they look at ways the annual survey can benefit your library in the newly archived webinar,



[Using Statistical Data to Support Your Library](#).

The focus of this webinar is primarily school and public libraries. [Download the slides](#) and follow along for some great information.

### LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBJUNCTION

[WebJunction’s Course Catalog](#) of library-specific courses and webinar archives is available 24/7 for free to all library workers and volunteers.

Self-paced courses include: Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE), customer service, eBooks and devices, library management, library services, marketing and messaging, personal/interpersonal skills, social media, technical services, training and development, and youth services.

### INTRODUCING “DESIGN FOR LEARNING”

WebJunction has just added a free course for library workers to learn how to design and teach online instruction. [Design for Learning \(D4L\): 21st Century Online Teaching and Learning Skills for Library Workers](#) is a training program designed to enable library workers to transfer their in-person teaching skills to the online environment. The course offers seven online self-paced modules: Orientation, Foundation, Diversity, Community, Content Creation, Course Management, and Capstone.

## Academic Libraries

### FEW FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS PREPARED FOR COLLEGE-LEVEL RESEARCH

*[Courtesy of the Library Research Service](#)*

In January and February 2017, *Library Journal* surveyed college and university libraries about their services for first-year students. The survey

was sent to 12,000 academic libraries. In total, 543 schools participated: 399 four-year schools, and 144 two-year schools.

Respondents reported that, in their opinion, only 28% of first-year students are prepared for college-level research. Four-year and two-year academic librarians agreed that evaluating resources for reliability is a major challenge for first-year students. The majority of participating libraries (97%) reported that they offer information literacy instruction for first-year students. Most of the time information literacy instruction is optional. It was mandated at 22% of four-year institutions and 7% of two-year schools.

[Read more](#) about the survey results on the Library Research Service blog

## Grant Opportunities

### [ARSL Conference Scholarships](#)

**DEADLINE: June 2, 2017**

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries has three scholarships available for its 2017 conference. These are for first time attendees, so anyone who has not attended an ARSL conference is invited to apply. Wyoming librarians may also want to look into McMurry Endowment grants if they are interested in going to ARSL and need financial assistance.

### [The First Year Experience Innovation Awards](#)

**DEADLINE: October 1, 2017**

Case Western Reserve University and Credo Reference seek to recognize a librarian and library who are innovating new and interesting ways to impact first year college students. Every year, one library and one librarian will receive a prize of \$1,500 and award plaque in honor of their outstanding achievement.

### [A.R.T. Distribution to Underserved Communities \(D.U.C.\) Library Program](#)

**DEADLINE: Ongoing**

The D.U.C. provides public schools, libraries, and prisons with free books on contemporary art and culture. All public institutions who self-define as underserved are encouraged to create an account and place an order through their website.

### [Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies \(FALIS\) Directory](#)

**DEADLINES: Vary**

The 2017-2018 edition of the Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies (FALIS) Directory is an annual compilation of awards that give some form of financial assistance for undergraduate and/or graduate education programs in library and information studies.

Don't forget—you can also check into [McMurry Endowment grants](#) and Wyoming Library Association [Nora Van Burgh Grants](#) for support.

**Enslow Publishing Free Book Contest**

**DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Every month Enslow Publishing selects a winner for their free books contest. The winner may choose \$100 worth of Enslow titles. No purchase is necessary.



# Calendar

- June 1-30 [GLBT Book Month](#)
- August 9 [Information Power](#)
- August 10-11 [Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference](#)
- Sept. 1-30 [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- Sept. 24-30 [Banned Books Week](#)
- Sept. 27 [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)
- Oct. 8-14 [Teen Read Week](#)
- Oct. 14 [Indie Author Day](#)

## Got a Great Story?

We want your library news! Contact Susan Mark, WSL publications specialist, at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-5915.

## Events

### NLA-MPLA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPEN

The [joint conference](#) of the Nevada Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association will be held October 16-18 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Stateline, Nevada, at Lake Tahoe. [Call for proposals](#) is now open and closes on May 31. NLA-MPLA are seeking proposals to support the theme of "Turn Up the Volume!" in the areas of innovation, advocacy, and engagement.

### ARSL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 7-9

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) will hold its [annual conference](#) from September 7-9 in St. George, Utah. The theme is "Libraries Elevated" – the things that take libraries from ordinary to extraordinary. Scholarships are still available.

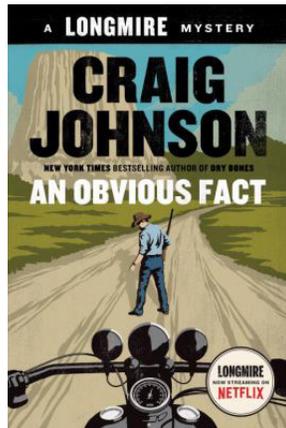
## Did You Know?

Did you know that the Wyoming State Library works with the Wyoming Business Council to make local planning documents available? You can find these resources in [Wyoming State Publications](#). Need help? Contact us at [statelibrary@wyo.gov](mailto:statelibrary@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6333.

# Book Reviews

## An Obvious Fact

By Craig Johnson  
New York: Viking,  
[2016]

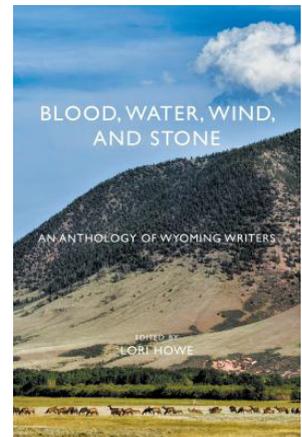


*An Obvious Fact*, the twelfth novel in the Longmire series, kicks off at the start of the Sturgis motorcycle rally with Walt and Vic investigating a motorcycle accident. That is the tip of the iceberg and there is no lack of action. Admittedly my Longmire knowledge is based on the Netflix series rather than the books, but it was easy to follow characters and backstories and pick through the differences. While familiarity with prior volumes would be beneficial, the book can easily be read on its own. There are enough references to past storylines that interested readers will want to start at the beginning, myself included. The book’s appeal isn’t just limited to those who enjoy westerns and mysteries and is an essential purchase for collections, especially when highlighting Wyoming’s best resources (our residents). A new dose of Walt and crew is always a welcome prospect to Longmire fans.

Jennifer Beckstead, Teen Librarian  
Natrona County Library

## Blood, Water, Wind, and Stone: An Anthology of Wyoming Writers

Edited by Lori Howe  
Jackson, WY: Sastrugi Press, 2016



In the introduction to *Blood, Water, Wind, and Stone*, Lori Howe describes Wyoming as “...a place of luminous beauty, fearless nature, and perhaps a bit of magic.” The anthology’s poems, essays, and stories — many of which were written by contributors who live or have spent significant time in Wyoming — address what it means to live in a place that looks, feels, and sounds as though it could be the setting of a John Prine song. Whether examining the natural world or approaching abstraction, the work within *Blood, Water, Wind, and Stone* offers readers numerous ways to enter and engage with the writing. As anthologies lend themselves to reading around, readers will enjoy being able to return to the writing as they please: a poem or two here, an essay there, a story to round out the evening. *Blood, Water, Wind, and Stone* is recommended for anyone interested in contemporary writing about, or influenced by, Wyoming.

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