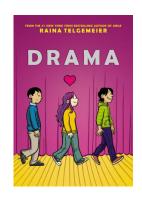


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Weathering a School Library Book Challenge

A recent book challenge in Laramie County School District 1 made national news when a parent objected to *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier for LGBTQIA+ characters and themes. The District Reconsideration Committee voted



unanimously to keep the book on library shelves with no restrictions.

"A challenge is kind of a scary thing," said Sarah Horen, the Librarian at Triumph High School in LCSD1 and the support contact for the District's elementary libraries, "but it's good to see librarians rally for the freedom to read what you want. The book was kept and it's a great book."

Two factors helped: a strong collection development policy and the advice and support

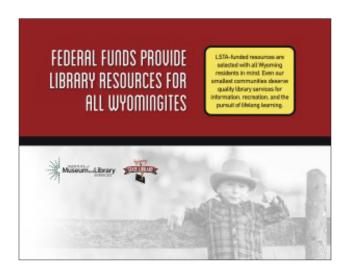
of others. Sarah reached out to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), the Wyoming Library Association, the Wyoming State Library, and colleagues in other Wyoming libraries.

"Kristin at the OIF was really helpful," Sarah said. "She encouraged us to focus on the fact that we're excited that parents were involved and that the child felt comfortable going to them — but every child should have that opportunity."

Having policies in place in advance is critical, Sarah said. "There are specific criteria a book has to meet to be added to our collections. This book checked all the boxes. So the collection development policy is the first thing you should have, and then have a good policy and procedure in terms of what to do in a challenge."

Read more of the story on the WSL blog.

WSL News



FEDERAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION **WOULD ELIMINATE IMLS**

President Trump's Fiscal Year 2021 budget recommendation, "A Budget for America's <u>Future</u>," once again proposes to eliminate funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. While this is the fourth year the President's budget recommendation has proposed eliminating IMLS, Congress has actually increased funding for the agency over that time period. The American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, and other organizations will monitor this situation.

In Wyoming, IMLS funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) supports statewide projects such as WYLDCAT, interlibrary loan, e-content, databases, training, and support of Wyoming's 13 state institution libraries. In past years, Wyoming has received approximately \$900,000 annually in support of these projects that help improve library services for every resident of Wyoming, down to those in the smallest communities. The State Library administers IMLS funding for Wyoming.

Questions about LSTA funding in Wyoming? Contact State Librarian Jamie Markus at jamie.markus@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5914.

WHAT LIBRARIES CAN DO FOR THE **2020 CENSUS**

With only 54 days left until Census Day on April 1, 2020, it's time to act! Libraries can lend a hand, because advocating for Census 2020 is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- Spread the word: There are countless ways to spread the word about the census, including your library's social media presence, Complete the Count programs promoting questionnaire completion, and distributing the flyers, handouts, and bookmarks provided to your main library branch by the Wyoming State Library and Wyoming Community Foundation.
- 2. Remember, you aren't alone: The U.S. Census Bureau has now launched their nationwide 2020 Census advertising campaign, so you aren't alone in spreading

the word. You and your patrons can stand together and Take the Pledge to complete the census and shape your community's future. Click here to see what efforts are being made for a Complete Count nationwide.

3. Fight misinformation: One of the biggest deterrents for patrons to complete the census is misinformation, and the 2020 Census is no



Feb 20 **WLA Legislative Reception** Feb 25-29 **PLA Conference** Feb 27 **Digital Learning Day** Feb 28 **Big Talk from Small Libraries** Mar 2 Read Across America Day Mar 16 Freedom of Information Day Apr 1-30 **School Library Month** Apr 4-11 **Money Smart Week** Apr 19-25 **National Library Week** Apr 26 **World Intellectual Property Day** Apr 26-May 2 **Preservation Week** Apr 30 Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día)

stranger to rumors and harmful stereotypes. Report rumors you see or hear (big and small) to rumors@census.gov.

For more on libraries and Census 2020, see our resource page and this month's blog posts:

- Helping Patrons Apply for Census Jobs
- **Avoiding Census Scams and Frauds**

Do you have a Census 2020 program planned for your library? We want to hear about it! Contact Jessica Dawkins at jessica.dawkins@wyo.gov or Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov to share your library's census advocacy efforts.

Around the State

NEW SPACE IN THE WORKS FOR RAWLINS LIBRARY

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It was a little surprising when the staff of the Carbon County Library System branch in Rawlins found out that a big move was in their future. After nearly 40 years of being housed on the second floor of the Carbon Building, the library will at some point move down to the ground floor of the administrative building. While it will technically be physically smaller, CCLS executive director Jacob Mickelsen

believes this might be the best way to move the library forward.

"I was apprehensive about losing square footage, but since the design plans have come out, we're going to make much better use out of our space downstairs," he said.

"We're going to add some significant features, like a maker-space or as I call it, a 'creation station.' Casper has one like it that they installed about a year ago and it's really impressive."

The move is in conjunction with the sixth penny tax, which is intended to generate funds for projects all over the county. Around \$27.5 million is designated to remodel the Carbon Building and the courthouse. The library's funds will come out of the allotment.

With the move, patrons will no longer have to use either the steep staircase or infamously slow elevator inside the building to access the library. They will enter through an outdoor plaza, instead. There will be designated spaces for children, teens, and adults, as well as a Wyoming history room and a computer lab.

What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

School Libraries

HOW LIBRARIES HELP STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION LITERACY

From Library Research Service

In a 2019 survey of U.S. secondary school librarians, 96 percent said they teach some form of information literacy. Yet, according to a 2017 survey of academic librarians, the knowledge is not being retained — only 28 percent of firstyear students enter their institution prepared for college-level research. If information literacy is widely taught in schools, why is there such a large gap?

Librarians cite a "lack of time" (69 percent) and "lack of faculty support" (59 percent) as the biggest challenges to instruction. Survey respondents candidly admitted higher-ups in the educational food chain don't see a critical value in information literacy skills. The lack of prioritization from administrators trickles down to teachers who often fail to prioritize "nontested" material. Librarians note the difficulty in finding instruction time for students and the lack of integration and reinforcement of these skills across all curricula.

Information literacy education needs to be addressed by understanding the critical role librarians play in laying the foundations for

information consumption. Librarians are necessary for teaching students how to evaluate sources and make informed decisions to navigate a world increasingly embedded in the internet and social media. Read more.

Special Libraries

UW'S HERBARIUM MOUNTS 1 MILLIONTH SPECIMEN



Members of the UW Board of Trustees and others watch as Madison Dale of Laramie, who volunteers at the Rocky Mountain Herbarium, glues and mounts the 1 millionth plant specimen, a Wyoming Indian paintbrush.

The University of Wyoming's Rocky Mountain Herbarium mounted its 1 millionth specimen on January 24. The specimen chosen to be 1 millionth was Castilleja linariifolia, which is Wyoming's state flower and is commonly known as Indian paintbrush.

Established in the fall semester of 1899, the Rocky Mountain Herbarium is the largest

facility of its kind between St. Louis and the West Coast. It currently ranks 56th among the 3,324 herbaria in the world and 14th in the United States. It is the fifth largest herbarium at a public U.S. university. The herbarium is rich in specimens found throughout the United States, Canada and northern Europe, but it specifically boasts the largest collection of Wyoming and Rocky Mountain plants in the world to reflect the region's biological diversity and evolutionary history.

The herbarium is working with several other partners to create a comprehensive digital archive of plant specimens native to the southern Rocky Mountain region as part of a \$2.9 million award from the National Science Foundation in 2017. As the largest herbarium in the region, the Rocky Mountain Herbarium has contributed a significant number of specimens, while assisting smaller institutions in their digitizing and imaging efforts.

Academic Libraries

UW LIBRARIES NAMES ALT-TEXTBOOK GRANT RECIPIENTS

University of Wyoming Libraries <u>recently awarded</u> <u>alt-textbook grants</u> to five faculty members and four graduate students to implement open educational resources (OER) in their classes this spring. The open textbooks resulting from the

grants are projected to save UW students more than \$40,000 each semester in addition to the \$141,233 already saved by UW students since the program launched in spring 2018.

"What was interesting for this cycle of grant applications was to see how many applicants are already committed to teaching low- or no-cost textbook courses," said Hilary Baribeau, UW Digital Scholarship Librarian. "The OER grant program will help these recipients not only continue to support UW students, but potentially create OERs that will be used in classrooms around the country."

Trustees, Friends & Foundations

SIGNS THAT YOUR LIBRARY POLICIES ARE READY FOR REVISION

How do you know when it is time to review and revise your existing policies? Maybe laws have changed, or current policies no longer reflect library operations. Perhaps your library policies are old and outdated, or — for some issues they simply haven't been created yet. Library CEO Amie Pilla (Berthoud Community Library District) shared six signs that your library policies need to be updated, as well as a few tips for what to do about it. Read the full blog post for the complete list.

Looking for policy development resources? Here are some places to start:

- <u>Library Policy Development Guide</u> (American Library Association)
- Public Library Policy Collection (Colorado Library Consortium)
- Public Library Sample Policies & Resources (Colorado State Library)
- Sample Policies (United for Libraries)
- Trustee Trouble Video: Policies (Wyoming State Library)
- Wyoming Public Library Board Members' **Handbook** (Wyoming State Library)

Wyoming library directors and trustees are welcome to contact the Wyoming State Library's Library Development Office for assistance with policy resources.

Databases & Electronic Resources

GOWYLD.NET FROM STATS TO WIDGETS

Join us for our webinar, "GoWYLD.net from the Staff Side: From Stats to Widgets," on Tuesday, February 25 from 11:15 a.m. until noon MST. This webinar will explore where to find database statistics and announcements, FAQs about access, database product information and marketing tools, guides and handouts, and

much more! The State Library has created and compiled information just for you.

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: ELIBRARY

The latest offering in our Database of the Month archive is "eLibrary." This is a general reference database for middle school, high school, and college students and educators that includes curated research topic pages to get students started on their research. Take a tour with the WSL's Chris Van Burgh in this recorded webinar.

People News

GOSHEN COUNTY LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

Cristine Braddy was recently named the Director of Goshen County Library after serving as Interim Director since the beginning of January. As director, she'll supervise the library's full- and part-time staff, manage the budget, plan and



Cristine Braddy

conduct programming, and continue the library's modernization process.

"I took the interim position because I thought it would be a fun adventure for a few months," Cristine said. "I found myself invested in the people and the projects we were working on. There are many times I've thought, 'If I ever change careers, it will be to be a librarian,' and then this came around."

Cristine spent her elementary school years in Goshen County and returned there with her family in 2011. Her previous work experience includes teaching classes for Eastern Wyoming College, directing programming and groups at SONrise Church, supervising students and managing grants for the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and working with atrisk youth for the University of Wyoming. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wyoming and her Master's Degree from Liberty University.

"I would love to see our library continue to grow as a place where our community, including children and youth, gathers to read and learn and grow," she said. "I want to be a part of helping Goshen County develop a library that draws people in and gives them the world."

Share the News!

Do you have colleagues who aren't on the Outrider mailing list? Encourage them to sign up and catch all the library news.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Dani Rasmussen has joined the Albany County Public Library as Assistant Library Director. Dani has worked as Library Director at the Garland Public Library in Garland, Utah. There she helped establish the library's first teen programs including hosting a local ComicCon.

Bailey Murray is now Albany County Public Library's Technical Services Librarian. Bailey has worked at ACPL since 2009 and has been the Circulation Manager since 2014. She has also played a key role in growing ACPL's manga and anime collections.

Patt Hilmer was nominated by the Washakie County Reading Council for her outstanding and consistent dedication to improving literacy opportunities for young people through her position as a library/media para-educator at East Side Elementary School and her active participation and leadership in the Council.

Sean Coyle joined Laramie County Library System as a Youth Services Librarian in November. Sean received his MS degree (Library and Information Science) from the University of Central Missouri and worked as a substitute teacher and reading instructor before moving to Cheyenne.

Abby Rowswell recently received an MLS degree with a concentration in Youth Services from Emporia State University and began her new position as a Youth Services Librarian at Laramie County Library System. Abby began working for LCLS in April 2015 after serving as a volunteer in the Peace Corps for two years.

Government **Information**

ALA'S VOTING AND ELECTION TOOLKIT

The American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table's (GODORT) Voting & Election Toolkits are here



to help librarians answer questions about voter registration, voter ID requirements, and more. These voting and election toolkits were created for and by librarians across the country and provide non-partisan voting and election information for every state and D.C. In these guides you will find answers to FAQs such as voter eligibility requirements, voter registration deadlines, voter ID requirements, ballot information, absentee voting, and more.

HAVE A TOUGH GOVERNMENT **INFORMATION QUESTION?**

The Government Information Online (GIO) service is available to handle the toughest

reference questions and requests for copies of documents. The service is a project of the American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) Education Committee. In calendar year 2019, GIO responded to 180 inquiries that were submitted either via AskGPO or directly to GIO. It's a great resource to link to on your website, to bookmark for your reference staff, and to promote to your colleagues.

You can also contact us here at the Wyoming State Library for government information help at statelibrary@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6333.

Training



ARMA ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

Registration is underway for the Wyoming Chapter of ARMA Annual Spring Seminar, "Leadership Skills Every Information Management Professional Needs." This seminar is sponsored in partnership with the Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board through funding from the NHPRC, NARA. The event will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. Registration for the event is \$50 for ARMA members, \$25 for full-time students with valid identification and \$75 for non-ARMA members. For more information, contact Donna Crock at donna.crock@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5751, or Carolynn Coy at (307) 777-6963. You may also email wyarma@gmail.com.

ONLINE CONFERENCE: BIG TALK FROM **SMALL LIBRARIES**

Attend Big Talk From Small Libraries 2020, and hear how the Copper Queen Library in Bisbee, Arizona, earned the Library Journal 2019 Best Small Library in America award, among many other informative sessions.

The Nebraska Library Commission provides this free one-day online conference aimed at small libraries on Friday, February 28 via GoToWebinar from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MST.

MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

In addition to the webinars and courses they create, WebJunction also includes quality training content from other organizations on its website. As part of the California State Library Mental Health Initiative, Infopeople hosted a webinar series, Where Compassion Meets Action. This series on mental health issues in the library is now available in the WebJunction Course Catalog.

ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our training calendar, each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch "At Your Leisure." These on-demand offerings caught our attention for February:

- One Book Wyoming 2019: Ernest Hemingway and Travel (Wyoming State Library)
- A Creative and Poetic Approach to Creative Commons Copyright License Education (American Library Association)
- Introduction to Website Accessibility (Infopeople)
- **Providing Access to Digital Documents** (Federal Depository Library Program)
- Connections Summit 2019 (SirsiDynix)

Wyoming Library Association

APPLY NOW FOR WYOMING LIBRARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Wyoming Library Leadership Institute (WLLI) that will be held July 31 - August 1 in Pinedale, Wyoming. Application deadline is March 1; completed applications should be sent to wyllinstitute@gmail.com.

WLLI provides an opportunity for both degreed and non-degreed individuals to learn about leadership potential. It's not a workshop on becoming a library director or a workshop on library administration — it's about leading from wherever you are in your organization. These acquired skills can benefit your library, community, and library association involvement.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION ONLY ONE **WEEK AWAY**

Learn more and apply.

The Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception is nearing! Join your colleagues on Thursday, February 20 at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave. in Cheyenne, to meet and mingle with our legislators and elected officials. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with a legislative update preceding the event at 5:00 p.m.

The WLA reception is known for its bountiful potluck. If you're planning to attend, please consider bringing a dish. There is still a need for entreés, sides, desserts, salads, and options for restrictive diets (gluten-free, sugar-free, dairyfree, vegan- and vegetarian-friendly, etc.). Contact Jessica Dawkins at jessica.dawkins@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6337 to sign-up for food donations and to let her know if you'll need an electrical outlet. Cash donations to the Wyoming Library Association are also welcome; contact Abby Beaver, WLA President, at (307) 777-5913 or abby.beaver@wyo.gov.

New Books

The latest additions to the Wyoming State Library's collection are available to you through WYLDCAT. Questions, comments, or suggestions for purchase may be directed to Library Development Manager Brian Greene at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307)777-6339.



- Creative Commons for Educators and Librarians Creative Commons (Organization). Chicago: ALA Editions, 2020.
- Coaching Copyright Smith, Kevin L. and Erin L. Ellis. Chicago: ALA Editions, 2020

Youth Services

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: AFTERSCHOOL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

New in our webinar archive under the "Other Webinars" header is, "WYAA Presentation to Wyoming Libraries," a video with Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA) Director Michelle Sullivan. In this video, Michelle shares

opportunities for library partnerships. Recently, WYAA partnered with Fremont County Library to put together a TMC Mobile Makerspace, benefiting the entire community.

Events

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH **FACTS FROM GOV.INFO**

February is African American History Month, and the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) invites you to join them in observing the achievements of African Americans in U.S. history with a few facts, all found in excerpts of the Congressional Record and in Congressional resolutions on govinfo. Visit the links to learn more.

- 1. Bessie Coleman, the first African-American female pilot, was denied entrance to Flight Schools in America because she was a woman.
- 2. James Baldwin's first novel Go Tell It on the Mountain was a semi-autobiography.
- 3. Educator and Executive Mary McLeod Bethune walked ten miles to and from school every day.
- 4. Dr. W.E.B. DuBois was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University.
- Toni Morrison was the daughter of Alabama Sharecroppers.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2020

It's not too early to think about how you'll celebrate National Library Week, planned this year for April 19-25. The theme for the 2020 celebration is "Find Your Place at the Library." The American Library Association offers free promotional tools including press releases, PSAs, and ready-made graphics. National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Grants & Awards

NNLM MCR Community Engagement Awards

DEADLINE: February 17, 2020

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region anticipates having up to \$15,000 available for an award late in its fiscal year, which ends in April. Proposals will need to be capable of being completed in a tight timeframe and must include plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the project. Projects should aim to 1) expand the reach of training opportunities for library staff in health information, 2) create and offer library programs, projects and strategic interventions to broaden access to health information, and/ or 3) conduct planning that helps libraries

or community-based organizations deliver consumer health information to communities.

Placemaking Farm Wall Grants

DEADLINE: February 28, 2020

The Wyoming Business Council and the Department of Agriculture are offering grants to place a vertical Farm Wall in your community for two years. Bio-Logic Designs will lease, install, plant, maintain, harvest, and distribute produce to a local soup kitchen or food basket. Or you can harvest the produce for your own use. The grant match is \$600 plus partnering with Bio-Logic to provide education, engaging your community through events, press releases, tours, or classes.

The Virginia Hamilton and Arnold Adoff **Creative Outreach Grants for Teachers** and Librarians

DEADLINE: February 28, 2020

The Virginia Hamilton and Arnold Adoff Creative Outreach Grants for Teachers and Librarians awards two grants of up to \$1,000 each. One grant is given to a teacher and another to a librarian for proposals to develop new classroom or library programs that raise awareness of multicultural literature among young people.

Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: Follow the Wyoming State Library on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter.

Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association's Assistive Technology Grant

DEADLINE: March 1, 2020

Funds assistive technology projects that allow students who struggle with reading, writing, spelling, and math to stay on track with their grade-level peers. The whole school community (teachers, parents, and students) should have access to the technology and be properly trained and supported in its use. Typical award amounts up to \$3,500, but additional amounts may be considered, depending on the proposal.

Wyoming Arts Council Community Support Grant

DEADLINE: April 1, 2020

The Community Support Grant (CSG) is a competitive grant program for project and/or operational support for organizations that provide services to their community through the arts. An organization is eligible to receive up to \$20,000: operating and project support (up to \$12,000), arts education activities (\$5,000), professional development (\$1,000), programs involving folk and traditional arts (up to \$1,000), and outreach to rural communities (up to \$1,000). Applicants who did not receive this grant last year may submit a draft for WAC staff review by March 1.

American Heritage Center Travel Grants

DEADLINE: April 1, 2020

The American Heritage Center annually offers travel grants of up to \$750 each to provide

support for travel, food, and lodging to carry out research using the AHC's collections.

Sara Jaffarian School Library **Program Award**

DEADLINE: May 4, 2020

The Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming recognizes excellence in humanities programming in libraries serving children in grades K-8. The \$5,000 award is presented annually by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Applicants do not need to be AASL members.

News in Brief

PLA Opens Registration for 2020 Virtual Conference

The Public Library Association (PLA) is offering an alternative opportunity for public library workers who are unable to attend the PLA 2020 Conference in Nashville, Tenn. PLA will present a condensed, live, online conference experience — the PLA 2020 Virtual Conference — February 27-28. The PLA Virtual Conference will consist of live programming, including five 60-minute-long programs each day, plus author interviews and opportunities for networking. Registration closes at 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

<u>Libraries as Partners in Healthy</u> **Communities: Upcoming Course**

WebJunction is collaborating with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) to design a series of courses for public library staff related to health topics. The next course, available in March, is Libraries as Partners in Healthy Communities. This free, two-week, instructor-led course, explores how your library can actively partner to promote the health of your community through responsive programs and services, and shows you how to incorporate this focus into your library's strategic plan.

ALSC Releases White Paper on Outreach **Model Serving All Children and Families**

The Association for Library Service to Children has released a white paper, "Engage, Cultivate, Provide, and Assess: An Outreach Model for Serving All Children and Families." The white paper outlines a research-based model of outreach development for libraries to connect services with children and families, particularly for those in underserved communities. The model was based on research that examined how libraries are going outside of their walls and into the community to reach and serve children and families in underserved communities who are not currently using the library.

Strategic Storytelling Toolkit Available for **Public Libraries**

"The Library Story: A Strategic Storytelling Toolkit for Public Libraries" was created

by Michael Margolis and Kristina Drury of GetStoried.com in conjunction with input from Pennsylvania public library staff. It was designed to help librarians think about using the power of storytelling to more effectively communicate internally and externally. The toolkit contains great content, exercises, and examples to build your storytelling skills.

Digitized Historical Editions of U.S. **Government Manual Available**

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has digitized the U.S. Government Manual and made content freely accessible and available on govinfo for the years 1935-1994. The Manual is the Government's official handbook of agency organization for all three branches of Government. Listings include the legislative authority, programs, activities, and brief history of each agency; officials heading the major units of operation; and contact information for follow-up or additional information.

Take the CFPB Financial Education **Program Survey**

To help libraries better serve patrons, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is interested in learning about libraries' financial education resources. They are inviting those working in libraries to participate in CFPB's 2020 Financial Education Program Survey of Libraries. This short, 10-minute survey will ask about your library's familiarity with and use of financial education resources.