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WYOMING STATE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

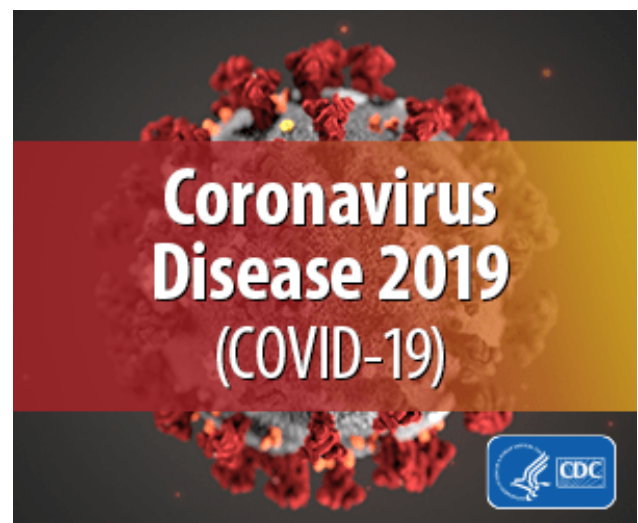
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Wyoming Libraries Respond to Coronavirus

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for Wyoming libraries and their patrons. Libraries across the state are closing their doors or altering services to balance the needs of their communities with public health.

This is a rapidly-evolving situation, so the Wyoming State Library has created a [Guide to COVID-19 for Libraries](#) that we are continually updating as new information becomes available. On it, you will find links for:

- reliable, authoritative information on the virus
- WYLD office guidance for libraries that are closing
- WSL blog posts related to COVID-19
- resources for school, academic, and youth services librarians
- free webinars
- Wyoming public library closures



We encourage you to follow our [blog](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Twitter feed](#) for the latest updates. We are working diligently to keep you informed, and have been in communication with libraries across the state. Please call us with questions. The WSL is making contingency plans for our operations, and we anticipate no interruptions to service for GoWYLD.net or WYLD.CAT.

COVID-19 Updates

WSL YOUR SOURCE FOR NEWS

As we are putting together this issue of *The Outrider*, news related to the Coronavirus pandemic is coming in too fast for us to include everything. We are doing our best to keep you updated during this difficult time, but it is a rapidly-evolving situation. Updates are also going out on the wyldnews@wyldnetwork.org list ([subscribe here.](#)) Our [blog](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Twitter feed](#) are good sources for new information from us as it comes in. And know that you can always contact us with questions or for assistance.

AVOID THE CROWDS WITH THE LIBRARY

Your patrons don't need to leave the house to use your library — it's open 24/7 online. A Wyoming library card opens up a world of resources from any home computer or electronic device on GoWYLD.net. Your patrons can:

- read an ebook from [cloudLibrary](#)
- download a magazine or audiobook from [RBDigital](#)
- brush up on a foreign language with [Pronunciator](#)
- learn a new computer or career skill with [Learning Express Library](#)
- reinforce their children's reading skills with [Bookflix](#)

All it takes is a card from any Wyoming public or community college library and a PIN. Your library may have additional resources available — so let your patrons know that they can access the library without leaving home.

WEBINAR: WYLD NETWORK CLOSURE POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Just added to our webinar archive is a [WYLD Network Extended Closure Policy Considerations Q&A](#). This 22-minute recorded webinar with the WYLD staff goes over some of the issues you may be facing if your library is closing temporarily.

WYOMING READS IS MONITORING PUBLIC HEALTH SITUATION

[Wyoming Reads](#), an annual celebration of literacy, is scheduled for May 12 at libraries across the state. John Jorgensen of Wyoming Reads has issued this statement: “While it is our sincere hope that conditions improve over the coming weeks thanks to the diligent work of our community to protect ourselves and those around us, we are monitoring the situation closely. The health and safety of our first graders is our primary concern, and as we approach May 12, we will make whatever decisions necessary in order to provide these students with their selected books as safely as possible. Our thoughts go out to everyone during these trying times, and we hope to see everyone — healthy and smiling — on Wyoming Reads Day.”

COVID-19 AND THE CENSUS

The Coronavirus pandemic is complicating libraries' Census 2020 efforts to ensure a "complete count" of every person in their communities. The Wyoming State Library is posting updates on the Census and COVID-19 as we get them on our [Census 2020 resource page](#). Remember the census can be completed any time, anywhere online or by phone.



SANITIZING YOUR CHILDREN'S AREA

Do you have a routine for keeping your children's area clean? Danielle Margarida, Youth Services Coordinator at the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, has compiled this [list of resources](#) for cleaning and sanitizing toys, manipulatives, spaces, etc.

WSL News

'REAL NEWS' ABOUT CENSUS 2020

What can Wyoming libraries do to fight off "fake news" and census scams? Wyoming and other states have reported census scams for several months now and, with the Census 2020 invitations currently arriving at households, the fight against misinformation is stronger than ever. Reported census scams include phone calls, mailers, and even emails. [Read more on the WSL blog](#).

WYOMING SNAPSHOT DAY IN VIDEO

Each year, Wyoming Snapshot Day offers an opportunity for libraries to collect the photos, videos, and comments that tell the story of their impact on the community every single day. The Wyoming State Library takes Snapshot Day contributions and turns them into a presentation that plays during the Wyoming Library Association's Legislative Reception.



Calendar

- Apr 1-30 [School Library Month](#)
- Apr 19-25 [National Volunteer Week](#)
- Apr 19-25 [National Library Week](#)
- Apr 21 [National Library Workers Day](#)
- Apr 22 [National Bookmobile Day](#)
- Apr 23 [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)
- 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 \(Día\)](#)

We've posted a shortened version (faster slides, not fewer photos!) [on Youtube](#) for you to enjoy and share.

Around the State

A SUBJECT GUIDE TO WYOMING'S CARNEGIE LIBRARIES

Linda Waggener, a Senior Library Assistant at the University of Wyoming Libraries, has put together a fantastic new historical resource, the [Wyoming Carnegie Libraries Subject Guide: Sources of Information to the State's 16 Carnegie Libraries](#). The subject guide includes:



Linda Waggener

- a brief overview of Carnegie Libraries
- information on each of the state's 16 Carnegie Libraries
- archives – collections, photographs, and digital collections
- Alliance for Historic Wyoming – “Cowboy Carnegies”
- bibliographic sources
- local and state Resources

Librarians and researchers are sure to discover something new in the subject guide. It is a

valuable tool for public libraries, academic libraries, and archives for their staff and patrons who are interested in learning more about every one of Wyoming's 16 Carnegie Libraries. It includes resources to find additional information and photographs of the exteriors and some interiors of the libraries.

Download this resource and read more about Linda and her project [on the WSL blog](#).

WYOMING MONUMENTS AND MARKERS ONLINE MAP

Wondering what those historic markers along the highway are all about? Never have time to stop as you drive by at highway speeds? Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources has announced a new and searchable [Monuments and Markers Interactive Map](#). The GIS-based database contains a profile for each of the 1,000+ monuments and markers.

When you're done exploring this map, head on over to the State Library's [Wyoming Places](#) for more information on the state's unique locales.

Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: Follow the Wyoming State Library on our [blog](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

School Libraries

INNOVATIONS IN LEARNING CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Are your teaching and learning practices innovative? Is STEAM a working part of your learning environment? The 4th annual Wyoming Innovations in Learning Conference is currently [calling for program proposals](#). The conference will be held in Casper, Wyoming, on November 5-6, 2020. Session proposals will be accepted through May 8, 2020. Selected presenters will be notified of their inclusion in the conference by June 1, 2020 and given a discounted rate of \$30.

Special Libraries

WYOMING DIGITAL ARCHIVES ADDS ONE MILLIONTH DOCUMENT

The [Wyoming State Archives](#) has accepted the one millionth document into their [Digital Archives](#), a secure storage method for the state's valuable records. The Digital Archives has been in existence for seven years and includes 19 state agencies, 12 county offices, and one municipal office. The one millionth document was added by the Department of Environmental Quality Air Division. Read more [on the WSL blog](#). For more information, contact Kathy Marquis at kathy.marquis@wyo.gov or (307) 777-8691.

Trustees, Friends, & Foundations

NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Library Association (ALA) has cancelled National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) 2020 in Washington, D.C., previously scheduled for May 4-5. They are now working through options for digital advocacy and virtual visits with legislators. See updates at www.ala.org/advocacy/nlld.

Databases & Electronic Resources

DATABASE OF THE MONTH WEBINAR: SIRS ISSUES RESEARCHER

Join Wyoming State Library Database Instruction Librarian Chris Van Burgh on Thursday, March 26, from 11:15 a.m. to noon for an overview of [SIRS Issues Researcher](#) in this free webinar (Webinar ID 806-015-531). SIRS Issues Researcher provides background and current analysis for research and understanding of more than 300 social, scientific, health, historic, economic, political, and global issues. It's the perfect tool for older students who are

conducting research or for adults looking for an understanding of today's issues.

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: GENERAL ONEFILE (GALE)

The latest offering in our Database of the Month archive is "[General OneFile \(Gale\)](#)." This 19-minute video is an overview of this general interest database appropriate for most of your library patrons and for older students.

People News

NOMINATE A WYOMING LIBRARY 'STAR'

[National Library Workers Day](#) (NLWD) is coming up on April 21, and the American Library Association Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) wants to honor the stars who make your library shine. If you know a Wyoming library worker deserving of recognition, [nominate them](#) for the NLWD "Galaxy of Stars." Nominations may come from library users, students, children, colleagues, faculty, or management.

Have News?

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

Training

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 March:

- [One Book Wyoming 2019: Ernest Hemingway and War](#) (Wyoming State Library)
- [Connections Summit: Director's Edition, Academic Libraries Day](#) (SirsiDynix)
- [Help Them Fund Your School Library](#) (EveryLibrary Institute)
- [Writing Boxes: Library programming that will inspire writing and support literacy and family engagement](#) (Infopeople)
- [Confessions of a Recovering Micromanager](#) (TED Talks)

Library Jobs

[Associate Dean, Library and Learning Commons](#)

Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY

The Associate Dean of the Ludden Library and Learning Commons (LLC) is a full time, benefitted position responsible for the academic, strategic, and operational leadership of Laramie County Community College's (LCCC)

Ludden Library and Learning Commons. For full consideration, apply by March 22, 2020

Library Director

Teton County Library, Jackson, WY

The Teton County Library in Teton County, Wyoming, is looking for a progressive, community-minded leader to serve as Library Director. The Teton County Library provides a high level of library service to the 23,000 residents of Teton County. It also embraces its role as the ultimate community center and welcomes anyone who comes to the area for vacation or work.

County Library Director

Park County Library System, Cody, WY

Park County Library System is seeking an energetic, service-oriented Director with excellent communication skills and the vision necessary to lead this three library system into the future. The ideal candidate must have a Master's Degree in Library/Information Science from an ALA accredited program, five years' professional library experience and a minimum of two years' administrative experience. Applications received on or before March 20, 2020 will be given first consideration.

Librarian

Sheridan Junior High School/The Wright Place, Sheridan, WY

Sheridan County School District 2 is seeking a positive, professional, and motivated Librarian

to join the Sheridan Junior High School team for the 2020/2021 school year. Closes April 24, 2020.

Grants & Awards

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grants

DEADLINE: March 31, 2020

This mini-grant offers funding to design and implement a creative program for your library. Up to 70 grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded to qualifying teachers and librarians at public schools and libraries in the U.S.

Wyoming Humanities Expansion Grants

DEADLINE: April 1, 2020

The goal of Wyoming Humanities' grants is to support public programs that use the humanities to explore the state's histories, stories, issues, and connections between groups and communities. Expansion grants are grants intended to fund larger programs, both in terms of scope and impact. Awards range from \$2,001 to \$10,000.

Wyoming Business Council Open Summer Placemaking Grants

DEADLINE: April 1, 2020

Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to make your community a better place to live, work, and play by transforming underutilized public spaces into vibrant community places. Any placemaking project is eligible to apply for up to \$2,500.

Applicants must complete training to be eligible to apply; contact Kim Porter at kim.porter@wyo.gov for details.

OCLC Community Engagement Award

DEADLINE: April 30, 2020

This award recognizes projects that help public libraries extend their reach, build strong partnerships, and create programs that transform lives. Submissions should highlight a current project or one completed within the past year that innovates, impacts, and extends a library's reach by connecting with community members. Three libraries will be recognized with an award, and each will receive \$5,000 for their significant community engagement initiatives.

EBSCO Solar

DEADLINE: May 1, 2020

EBSCO Solar is a grant program making three \$100,000 grants available for applicants looking to fund a library solar project to offset electricity costs. All academic, school, and public libraries that are current EBSCO customers are eligible to apply.

Alexandre Vattemare Award for Creativity in Libraries

DEADLINE: May 1, 2020

Given annually by Library Juice Press, the Vattemare Award recognizes contributions in the LIS field that are marked by originality, creative energy, and novel combinations of ideas. Considerations in selecting the awardee

are their creation of new possibilities for libraries and library workers, the creation of new means of benefiting the community that the library serves, and the ultimate success of these efforts. The award is open to librarians, other library workers, and community members (in any country). The award may be given to an individual or a group, based on a particular project or creative work over an extended period. The award consists of \$1,000 and a framed certificate. Nominations should include a letter and sufficient materials for evaluation. Email nominations to inquiries@libraryjuicepress.com.

Frontier Internet Classroom Technology Grants

DEADLINE: May 15, 2020 at 9:59 p.m. MT

Eligible K-12 teachers may apply to win \$1,000 to use toward the purchase of technology equipment for use in the classroom. Applicants need to submit a unique lesson plan explaining how they would use technology to teach social responsibility.

News in Brief

Wyoming State Historical Society Call for Award Nominations

The Wyoming State Historical Society seeks nominations of individuals and organizations that have done outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Wyoming history in 2019. The WYSHS awards program opens many

opportunities to recognize the efforts of individuals or organizations in promoting Wyoming's rich legacy. Deadline is April 30, 2020.

[Association for Rural & Small Libraries Call for Proposals](#)

ARSL is now accepting program proposals for the 2020 ARSL Conference, to be held September 30 - October 3, in Wichita, Kansas. The conference theme is "SOAR with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources." Submit your proposals for both pre-conferences and breakout sessions using the [online form](#). Proposals are due by 4 p.m. MDT on March 27, 2020 (extended from March 15). Submitters will be notified by May 1. Contact Holly Mercer, 2020 Program Chair at hmercerc@swkls.org or (620) 225-1231 with any questions.

[NNLM's Spring Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon Takes Place April 30](#)

NNLM's Spring Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2020, and this year's topic is Preventative Health & Wellness. Kelsey Cowles, Middle Atlantic Region Academic Coordinator and Liz Waltman, Southeastern Atlantic Region Education and Communications Coordinator, will host a [training webinar](#) on April 2, 2020 from 12-1 PM MT.

[Student Book Scholars Contest for Students in K-8](#)

The National Youth Foundation is reaching out to schools and literacy organizations to share

information about the Student Book Scholars program. Students in grades K-8 are invited to write and illustrate books on bullying. The winning team receives \$500 and the project coordinator is awarded \$250. Postmark entry deadline is July 15, 2020.

[Enter the PR Xchange Competition](#)

The annual PR Xchange Awards from the Library Leadership and Management Association, a division of the American Library Association, recognize the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. Entries are evaluated on content, originality, and design by a team of experts in public relations, graphic design, communications, and marketing, who select the winner(s) in each category. Deadline to enter materials produced in 2019 is April 1, 2020.

[Course on YouTube added to PLA's DigitalLearn.org](#)

The Public Library Association (PLA) has released a new online tutorial to help patrons learn the basics of using the popular online video site, YouTube. The course, [Intro to Searching Videos on YouTube](#), covers the basics of searching for videos for entertainment, instruction, "do it yourself," and more. This 21-minute online tutorial explores how to navigate the YouTube homepage, how to perform searches, and how to create an account. It also offers practice activities for learners to use their new knowledge.