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Upcoming events

The Wyoming Libraries Legislative Reception is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27th at the State Library, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Reminder

All submissions to the Outrider are due the last day of the preceding month for each issue. The Outrider deadline for the February issue is 5 p.m., Jan. 31. Send all submissions to Tina Lyles at tlyles@wyo.gov.

Libraries meet incentive challenge



Representatives from twelve of the 23 county libraries met with Governor Freudenthal on December 9th at the Capitol as a recognition of meeting the incentive challenge of raising a cumulative \$2.3 million in the Wyoming Public Library Endowment Challenge.

On Thursday, December 9, Governor Dave Freudenthal congratulated Wyoming's 23 county libraries for raising a cumulative \$2.3 million in order to meet the incentive of the Public Library Endowment Challenge. Upon reaching this goal, each public library received \$100,000 for their foundation. Freudenthal also stated that this endeavor has been remarkably successful and commended the libraries for working together.

In 2008 the Wyoming State Legislature continued its commitment to Wyoming's libraries with the Public Library Endowment Challenge Program. This bill provides an endowment of

\$9.1 million to the foundations of the state's public libraries. An additional \$3 million was appropriated by the legislature in 2010.

County library foundations receive matching funds to the money they raised according to a tier system based on county valuation. Nine counties, including Albany, Big Horn, Crook, Goshen, Hot Springs, Niobrara, Platte, Weston and Washakie, will receive three dollars for every dollar raised locally. Eight - Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Laramie, Lincoln, Park, Sheridan and Uinta - will receive two dollars in state match. The remaining counties must match the state money dollar for dollar.

Third Wyoming School Library survey data collection begins in January

Data collection for the 2010-11 Wyoming School Library survey will begin in mid- to late January this year and run through the end of February. The survey provides valuable information – not collected elsewhere for Wyoming – on the status of school library media centers. Last year, two-thirds of Wyoming school libraries participated.

Changes to the survey for 2010-11:

- The survey has been shortened to reduce reporting burden
- It is more focused on the areas research correlates with student achievement
- Staffing and enrollment data will be obtained directly from the Wyoming Dept. of Education and will not be asked on the survey
- Circulation data will be collected for the first semester rather than the full-year, eliminating the need for estimates.

Your participation is needed and appreciated! Survey data from prior years may be found on the Wyoming Library Statistics page at <http://will.state.wy.us/statistics>. A link to more information on the 2010-11 survey will be posted on that page shortly. For more information, contact Susan Mark, WSL statistics librarian at smark@wyo.gov, 307-777-5915 or toll-free at 1-800-264-1281 (press 3, then 3).

Two Wyoming Libraries recognized for Outstanding Architecture by Library Journal

Library Journal recognized two Wyoming libraries in their December 2010 Architecture issue. The Alta Branch of the Teton County Library was acknowledged for its sensational setting in the new building category. Built at the base of the Tetons, it emphasizes natural light and mountain views, with the ceilings made from beetle-killed



wood. The University of Wyoming's William Robertson Coe Library was honored for their renovation. LJ states that circular floor openings visually “connect” areas, as the university's bronco logo rides high above the main floor level.

❖ Library briefs

2010 another banner year for Wyoming public libraries

Wyoming's 23 public library systems had another busy year in 2010, with circulation of 5,272,217 – 9.4 per capita. There were 33,685 new library cards issued, bringing the number of registered patrons to 389,303, or 69.1% of Wyoming's population. The seven community colleges circulated 53,570 items in 2010. (Circulation and patron data taken from WYLD system via Directors' Station; population from Census 2010)

Colorado releases its third study showing impact of school library media centers

Library Research Service (LRS) recently released the report *School Librarians Continue to Help Students Achieve Standards: The Third Colorado Study (2010)*, showing correlations between library media centers and student achievement, based on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) scores. Among the findings, elementary schools with at least one full-time endorsed librarian averaged better CSAP performance than those with less than one full-time endorsed librarian. Higher CSAP scores were also correlated with expenditures on the library, visits per student and the size of periodical and video collections. At the same time, a recent Fast Facts publication from LRS showed that endorsed librarian positions in Colorado public schools are trending downward. To see the latest Colorado study, along with school library media center impact studies from across the country, visit www.lrs.org/school/.

Census 2010 releases initial results: Wyoming one of the fastest-growing states

In December, the first Census 2010 population counts were released, showing that Wyoming was the 12th-fastest growing state, going from 493,782 population in 2000 to 563,626 in 2010 – an increase of 14.1%. A new release from Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division indicated that job growth in the state's energy sector drove the population increase. According to the EAD, the number of jobs in Wyoming increased 20.0% between 2000 and 2009, and the state ranked top in the nation for annual job growth in 2006-2008. For more Census 2010 results, go to www.census.gov. The Wyoming Economic Analysis Division website has extensive demographic, cost of living, economic and state revenue data at eativ.state.wy.us/.

Find the tools you need to keep your library New Year's resolutions

It's a brand new year – have you made any library resolutions? Perhaps you want to develop a new program or service, or improve an existing one. Maybe staff development or community outreach is at the top of your 2011 priority list.

Whatever the need, the Wyoming State Library can help. WSL maintains a collection of professional library science materials selected to give you the tools and information you need. New additions may be found at will.state.wy.us/ldo/newpubs.html, or follow the State Library on Facebook to get new book announcements. For more information, contact Susan Mark, WSL statistics librarian at smark@wyo.gov or 307-777-5915.

Job openings

Library Executive Director,
Fremont County
Library System,
Lander, WY

Branch Librarian
Park County Public
Library,
Meeteetse, WY



"Exhibitor Extraordinaire" Harold Decker dies at age 81

Stanford University in 1966. He was Golden Gloves boxing champion in the state of Nebraska in 1947, was the recipient of the Hastings College Bronco Award in 1951, and was inducted into the Hastings College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 for his performance as a football player and boxer.

A lifelong educator, he taught one year in Globe, Arizona, and then served as Junior High Principal and Director of Instruction and Guidance in Eaton, Colorado (1956-1959). He was Superintendent of Schools in Grover, Colorado from 1959-1962 before becoming Superintendent of Schools at Woodlin School District R-104 in eastern Colorado from 1962-68. After working for two years in Garden City, Kansas overseeing the construction of a plastic pipe manufacturing company, he settled in the Black Forest in 1970 to start what became Decker Library Book Service as a publishers' representative, providing books to school libraries in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, and Wyoming for over 40 years. In 1971 he was a founding member of Black Forest Lutheran Church. An avid hunter, fly

fisherman and gardener, he took pride in using his many and varied gifts to put food on the table. His hunting endeavors were aided by a string of horses, mules, and hunting dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Gayle Oldemeyer Decker of the Black Forest; a sister Viola Peterson of Alma, Nebraska; and a brother Walter Decker of Sullivan, Missouri. Additional survivors include his five loving children: Steven J. Decker of Ontario, Oregon; Michael J. Decker of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Glenn A. Decker of Countryside, Illinois; John R. Decker of San Antonio, Texas; and Barbara K. Decker of Denver, Colorado, along with 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers: Wilbur Decker and John Decker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation, 825 E. Pikes Peak Ave. Suite 600, Colorado Springs, Colorado, or Black Forest Lutheran Church will be appreciated. In addition, to support others with aplastic anemia, the family would ask all friends to please consider becoming blood donors.

Harold Raymond (Herm) Decker, long-time resident of the Black Forest, passed away December 27, 2010, after a four-and-one-half-year battle with aplastic anemia. Born September 16, 1929, in Alma, Nebraska to Albert J. Decker and Ockje Johannah Frerichs (Hannah) Decker, he attended Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska under a football scholarship from 1947-1951 where he met his wife Beverly Oldemeyer Decker. They were married January 21, 1951 in Brush, Colorado. He served in the Army at Denver Fitzsimons Army Hospital from 1951-1953. Mr. Decker received his master's degree in school administration at Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) in 1956, and also pursued post-graduate studies at

Discount for Computers in Libraries Conference

The Wyoming State Library is working with Information Today, Inc. to offer a discount to any Wyoming resident to attend the 2011 Computers in Libraries and Internet@Schools East conferences. (March 21-22 in Washington, D.C.).

<http://www.infotoday.com/CIL2011> <http://www.infotoday.com/I@SE2011>

If you are interested in getting the discounted rate of \$249 for Internet Librarian (normally \$499) or \$109 for Internet@Schools (normally \$199), please contact Jamie Markus at 777-5914 or jmarku@wyo.gov by February 1, 2011.



Get on the Bus

We Need You...for Get on the Bus: Reader's Advisory

Following the fun and success of the State Library's webinar series, Rev Up Your Reference Skills, we are looking to highlight Reference's (often overlooked) sibling, Reader's Advisory. But we can't do it without you. Every day, you help patrons meet their information and entertainment needs by using great resources and personal knowledge. How about sharing that with your peers across the state?

Just like our past Get on the Bus program, this training will consist of live and archived webinars over a six week period. At this time, we are looking for presenters who can help us build webinars in the following Reader's Advisory areas: non-fiction, fiction (genres?), teens, children, media, and booktalks/programming. Don't worry if you have never done a webinar. We will be with you every step of the way.

Please contact Sara Francis (sfranc2@wyo.gov or 307-777-6330) with your topic area of interest, questions, ideas or all of the above.

January

Please contact Jamie Markus at jmarku@wyo.gov if you have any questions about the events listed on this calendar.

2	3	4	5 9-10 a.m., Emergency Preparedness for Public Libraries, <i>webinar</i> 11-12 p.m., Wikipedia in the Classroom, <i>webinar</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 9-9:45 a.m., WYLD Wednesday: A WYLD and Harmonious Upgrade to Symphony, <i>webinar</i>	13 9-10 a.m., 1 Hour of Facebook, <i>webinar</i>	14	15
16	17	18 12-1 p.m., Best Small Library in America 2010, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Introduction to Digital Storytelling: Everyone has a Story to Tell, <i>webinar</i>	19	20 9-10 a.m., 1 Hour of Netvibes, <i>webinar</i> 11-11:45 a.m., Database of the Month: Mark Twain, <i>webinar</i>	21	22
23	24 10-11 a.m., Genetics Home Reference, <i>webinar</i>	25 12-1 p.m., Battle Bullying with Books: Celebrate No Name-Calling Week, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Get Your Geek On: Improve Local Funding Outlook through Community Advocacy, <i>webinar</i>	26 9-9:45 a.m., WYLD Wednesday: VDX Upgrade, <i>webinar</i> 9-10 a.m., Tech Talk with Michael Sauers, <i>webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Summer Reading Outcome Measures, <i>webinar</i>	27 12-1 p.m., Libraries are Essential: Providing Core Services for Readers, <i>webinar</i> 12-1 p.m., Understanding Unemployment Insurance and Its Impact on Your Library Customers, <i>webinar</i>	28	29

Check out the Planning Calendar online at <http://will.state.wy.us/lldo/planningcalendar.html>.