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K2 Television's news story about the Fremont County Library's Endowment Celebration. Click the image to play the newscast on YouTube.

Gov. Mead Attends Fremont County Library Endowment Celebration

On April 13, the Fremont County Library Foundation hosted a recognition ceremony for its lead endowment donors. A daytime celebration at the Riverton Public Library showcased the \$50,000 gifts from Encana Oil and Gas (USA) and Cameco Resources; as well as the \$20,000 gift from Noble Energy. Smaller donors of \$500 or more were displayed on a "Donor Tree."

That evening, there was an invitation-only reception at the Riverton Holiday Inn attended by about 150 people, including Gov. Matt Mead, almost all of the Fremont County commissioners and a few of the county's state

representatives.

"Gov. Mead gave a really great speech," said Carol Chidsey, director of development for the Fremont County Library Foundation. "I was delighted that he took the time to come."

Encana representatives challenged members of the community to step up and help the library foundation, which already has raised almost \$300,000, attain its goal. Two Riverton businesses, Bailey Tire and Wyoming.com answered the challenge by contributing \$5,000 each, while Wyoming.com CEO Steve Mossbrook and his wife Sandy chipped in another \$5,000. ~ *Story courtesy Wyoming Business Report*



ARSL 2011 Conference will be held in September

Registration is open for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2011 Conference to be held September 8-11, in Frisco, Texas.

For conference information and registration, go to <http://www.arsl.info/annual-conference-awards-calendar/frisco-conference-2011/>.

The conference will bring together representatives from libraries across the nation to share resources and build a spirit of collaboration. "Our main focus will be providing and sharing information about trends, issues and strategies that affect communities," said ARSL President Sonja Plummer-Morgan.

ARSL's mission is to provide a network of people and materials to support rural and small library staff, volunteers and trustees to integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves. Learn more at www.arsl.info.

Special session speakers will include Linda Braun, a nationally-known library technology consultant; Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes, creators of wildly popular *Unshelved*, the world's only library comic strip; and Joe Bob Briggs, TV personality, drive-in movie critic, author and advocate of intellectual freedom.

Lifelong Education @ Desktop

Summer is a great time for you to take one of the LE@D courses.

There are still slots available. They are open to everyone working in a Wyoming library.

Go to www.leadonline.info. Click on Courses, under LE@D for Individuals. Select the tab for Library or School Library. Here you will find a great variety: Change Management and Leadership, Genealogy: An Introduction for Library Staff, Keeping Your Library Looking Good, Copyright Issues in the Classroom, and Reaching Reluctant Readers.

If you are interested in taking a course, please email Chris Van Burgh at the Wyoming State Library (cvanbu@wyo.gov) with your course selection. We are asking that you complete one course before requesting another. I will send you the coupon code, so that you can take it for free.

In Memoriam: Locke Hamilton



With sadness we note the passing of musician Locke Hamilton of Dubois. Audiences throughout Wyoming and the West know her as a member of Prickly Pair & the Cactus Chorale. The group performed for a WYLD meeting in Dubois and were featured in the Wyoming Library Roundup. Here is the notice about Locke's death as it appeared on the Davis Funeral Home web site:

Locke Hamilton died at her home in Dubois on April 7, 2011. She was 58.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held this summer.

Locke Hamilton was born June 16, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pa. to Joseph and Charlton Corson.

She married Les Hamilton on Dec. 31, 1996, in Lander, Wyo.

Mrs. Hamilton was a world class equestrian trainer and competitor.

She performed with her husband, Les, and Norman Winter as the Prickly Pair and the Cactus Chorale. Musical achievements include winning the Western Music As-

sociation's Marilyn Tuttle Best of the Best 2009 Harmony Award and the 2010 Award for Best Traditional Album by a Duo or Group for their album "Romance With the Range." Six of the trio's eight albums charted nationally on Americana Folk Radio and were rated in the top 10 for well over a decade in the Western Music genre.

Library briefs

Wyoming Public Library FY10 annual report statistics now available

The latest Wyoming public library annual report tables and summary for FY10 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) have now been posted on the Wyoming State Library's website at will.state.wy.us/statistics/index.html. A few facts about Wyoming libraries during FY10:

Public libraries were open for a combined total of 140,407 hours annually.

There were 3.87 million visits to public libraries in FY10 – 7.1 visits for every Wyoming resident. Visitation was up 3.1% from 3.76 million in FY09.

Circulation took another hefty jump, although less than from FY08 to FY09. Total circulation went from 5.06 million to 5.31 million in FY10 – an increase of 4.9%.

Statewide, libraries spent \$55.18 per capita to provide library services, down slightly from \$56.55 in FY09. Local government provides 94.1% of library revenue.

Public libraries held nearly 2.8 million books and audio-visual materials in their collections. They circulated 9.8 items for every Wyoming resident.

For the second year, expenditures on materials declined. Spending on collections was \$2.9 million in FY09, and \$2.76 million in FY10. Collection expenditures per capita went from \$5.46 to \$5.08 – down nearly a dollar from FY08 to FY10.

Wyoming public libraries added 22 internet access computers for patrons in FY10, bringing the total to 776. Computer uses rose to 990,666 in FY10 after a slight dip in FY09.

Wyoming libraries put on 11,239 children's programs, with attendance of 287,097. More than 24,000 children, teens and adults participated in summer reading programs in 2010.

Public libraries employed 659 people for a total of 458.95 full-time equivalent positions and expended just under \$22 million in salaries, wages and benefits.

ALA reports on State of America's Libraries

The American Library Association recently released its report, *The State of America's Libraries*, for 2011 at <http://tinyurl.com/alaslr2011>. It details statistics, current events and issues, trends and challenges for all types of libraries.

Some highlights:

Even with the Great Recession officially over, libraries are still a key resource for the jobless and entrepreneurs.

Sixty-five percent of those polled said they had visited a library in the past year, and thirty-one percent of adults rank the library at the top of their list of tax-supported services.

Budget cuts – both locally and of state funding – have hit many public libraries hard, particularly large libraries serving populations of more than 1 million.

Despite an anti-tax environment, library operating budget ballot initiatives have had greater support at the polls and support for building initiatives is holding steady.

An American Association of School Librarians (AASL) survey seems to indicate that both staffing and collection expenditures declined as schools had mixed success at avoiding cuts. High-poverty areas seemed to have taken the greatest cuts.

The work of college and university libraries is increasingly electronic – during a typical week, academic libraries had more than 31 million searches in electronic databases. Visits to online library catalogs were close to half a billion.

Computer use at public libraries keeps growing, and public wireless availability is approaching 85 percent.

Despite budget cuts, mean average salaries for librarians with an ALA-MLS are up 3 percent, from \$58,860 in 2009 to \$60,734.

Access the full report for additional information, including news for the year on library construction and renovation, intellectual freedom, outreach, broadband, social networking and electronic content.

Job openings

Branch Librarian,
Park County
Library, Powell,
WY

Library Director,
Bozeman Public
Library, Bozeman,
MT

Reader's Advisory continues



The first four Reader's Advisory programs are archived at <http://getonthebuswyoming.wordpress.com/> (click on the program titles on the right side of the page). For May, there are several mini-presentations by library staff across the state. Tune-in as they share their favorite genres, great authors and more titles for you to read and share with your patrons. Participate in the live program by registering at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/828173838> (no need to re-register if you already did for the April programs) OR visit the archived programs at anytime. Anyone who participates in the homework questions may be eligible for a \$25 gift certificate, WLA registration or a Nook E-reader.

Upcoming schedule:

- Tues May 3rd, 10am – Non-Fiction For Foodies w/ Erin Wilkins, Guns and Tights: Graphics for Grown-Ups
- Thur May 5th, 10 am - Science Fiction: How Microhistories Changed the World
- Tues May 10th, 10 am – Paranormal Fiction, The Teen 4th Dimension: Crossover Lit
- Thur May 12th, 10 am – Native American YA Lit: Mo Willems for early readers
- Tues May 17th, 10 am – Romance & Mystery
- Thur May 19th, 10 am – WY Authors

Contact Sara Francis (sara.francis@wyo.gov) or visit <http://getonthebuswyoming.wordpress.com/> for more information on this program

WSL Needs Feedback on Database Training

The Wyoming State Library has been offering Database of the Month training since 2007. Past webinars have included a single database approach (Learning Express Library, Grzimek's, NetLibrary) and topical access (Health & Wellness, Biography, Genealogy). Also included with this training has been the Discover it, Try it, Learn it series.

Most sessions have been archived, providing opportunity for staff to view at their convenience. <http://will.state.wy.us/ldo/webinararchive.html>

To be sure all of you are getting the best experience possible, we are conducting a survey on database training. We would like to know your preferences on format, times, topics, as well as your past participation and experiences. Included in the survey will be questions about this approach and a box for suggestions.

We would also like your feedback on including added content to the webinars, such as exercises and explorations.

Below is a link to a short survey focusing on Database of the Month.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gowyld>

Library Support Staff Certification Awards

The following eight Wyomingites received a Library Support Staff Certification Award worth \$175.

- Bernice Burr-Wilken, Albany County Public Library
- Jessica Johnson, Teton County Library
- Susan Parkins, Laramie County Library System
- Brenna Philbrick, University of Wyoming
- Edie Phillips, Park County Library
- Steve Rzasa, Johnson County Library
- Thomas Stanley, Albany County Public Library
- Rachel Yates, Campbell County Public Library

The LSSC Program offers library employees the opportunity to achieve recognition for their experience, enhance library service, and increase skills and knowledge in areas like the foundations of librarianship, technology, and communication. This national certification will be of value as it not only provides a tool for the candidate to place on their resumes to document their experience and skills as they seek future employment, it also will travel with you regardless of your geographic location.

Toolbox available to communicate the impact of your library's computers

Last year, the U.S. IMPACT Study from the University of Washington Information School highlighted the importance of public library computers and Internet access in people's lives. The study was supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

One great resource that grew out of the project is a toolbox of materials created to help you communicate the value of public library computing. It contains information about the research and sample documents you can customize to communicate to your local community the need for library funding and support, and to show the role libraries play in making technology available to all people. Find the toolbox at <http://cis.washington.edu/usimpact/toolbox.html>.

May

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

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15	16	17 11-12 p.m., Doing More with Less: Achieving ROI from Self-Services, webinar 11:30 -12:30 p.m., The Influential Trainer, webinar 12-1 p.m., Libraries Partnering to Support Small Business Entrepreneurs, webinar 1-2 p.m., Cross-Training for a Flexible Staff, webinar	18 8-9 a.m., Project Management 101, webinar 9:15 - 10:15 a.m., Unconference Planning, webinar 1-2 p.m., Coping with Information Overload, webinar 1-2 p.m., Transforming Your Library with a Personalized Literacy Environment, webinar	19 10-11 a.m., Get on the Bus: Reader's Advisory Genre Exploration, Wyoming State Library webinar 1-2 p.m., Click with the Curriculum: Integrating Digital Content, webinar	20	21
22	23	24 10-11 a.m., Legal Instruction for Public Librarians: Getting Started, webinar 2-3 p.m., E-Z Web Accessibility: Cascading Style Sheets as a Powerful Accessibility Tool, webinar	25 9-10 a.m., Tech Talk with Michael Sauers, webinar 10-11 a.m., Creating Performance Breakthroughs Through Self-Coaching, webinar 10-11 a.m., Legal Resources: the Courts and Case Law, webinar 1-2 p.m., Spotlight on National Library of Medicine Resources, webinar	26 10-11 a.m., Legal Resources: Statutes and Regulations, webinar 12-1 p.m., Update: eBooks and Cushing Academy, webinar	27	28