



Wyoming Library Association

WYOMING REPORT TO THE MPLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Reference Databases to be available to any Wyoming resident, anytime!

State Legislature has restored \$240,000 to the State Library exception budget requests. The money will be used to renegotiate contracts with our Reference Database providers. This will allow access to the databases for all Wyoming residents, anytime! Currently our contracts with the database providers do not legally allow database access in non-WYLD school libraries. Renegotiating of these contracts can eliminate questions about access after July 1, 2000. "If everything goes as planned, it will give every resident of Wyoming access to these databases," said Lesley Boughton, state librarian.

Outcome-based Evaluation

Lesley Boughton, Wyoming state librarian, Emily Sieger, state government information coordinator, Ara Anderson, Campbell County Public Library, attended a workshop in Washington, D.C., on the OBE in February. "It is a valuable tool that determines the best results a program can achieve," Boughton said. "It answers the question, 'How has my program made a difference?'" The Wyoming State Library (WSL) submitted its Geographical Information System project to The Institute of Museum and Library Services to be evaluated using the working OBE model. Elements of the program include developing OBE procedures and a time line, building a logic model, surveys, reporting, evaluating, and measurements.

Group to create paths for delivery of information

Librarians know there is good information on the Internet beyond the bounds of cataloged materials, but they may not have the time and knowledge to pursue those resources. WYLD libraries are tapping into the expertise available in the Wyoming library community to build the tools that will help deliver the information service now possible. Corky Walters, of the state library, Beth Walker of the Campbell County Library, Deb Sturman of Niobrara County Library, Bob Kalabus of Western Wyoming College, and WSL staffers Kim Capron, Desiree Sallee, Chris Van Burgh and Venice Beske have all joined to work on this project. The group will establish criteria for a "gateway" pointing librarians and their patrons to the Internet.

Voyager to land at UW libraries in summer

Voyager is getting set to blast into the University of Wyoming Libraries in the summer of 2000. Developed by Endeavor Information Systems Inc., Voyager supplies integrated library systems to academic and special libraries worldwide. The new system will improve efficiency and service to library users allowing them to search for items in the university libraries and an electronic database without having to re-enter their search items. The university libraries and the American Heritage Center have been on the CARL system since 1989 and 1991 respectively, and the law library has been using an in-house system.

Park County director resigns after 34 years

After 34 years with the Park County Library System, the director submitted a letter of resignation to the Park County Library Board at their regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2000. Paben's resignation will be effective on of July 1, 2000. Paben plans to continue in the role of library advocacy and fund-raising.

Workshop to focus on strengthening libraries' foundations

Strengthening Your Library's Foundation,-- a one-day workshop, will be presented by the Wyoming State Library (WSL) in Douglas on Friday, April 28, and in Riverton on Saturday, April 29. Sponsored by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, the workshop is for foundation members, library trustees, library friends and staff. "This will be the first of several actions to strengthen library foundations," said Jerry Krois, WSL deputy librarian. "The May 1998 public library funding retreat identified strong foundations as important to stable funding, and we will attempt to help establish the framework for quality foundations."

Big Horn Basin librarians look to share common goals

Librarians from the Big Horn Basin Library sponsored a conference to share common goals and information access at Northwest College. The conference was for all librarians throughout the state -- school, public, college and special. Speakers for the conference included: Lesley Boughton, Wyoming state librarian, Wyoming State Library (WSL), State Library Update; Corky Walters, Wyoming Libraries Database (WYLD) manager, WYLD Update; Venice Beske, Statewide information Service manager, WSL, Interlibrary Loans; Ronda Peer, director of extended campus, Northwest College (NC), Steve Thulin, assistant professor of history, (NC); and Kay Carlson, library director(NC), Distance Education Discussion; Jan Segerstrom, Jackson Hole Middle School librarian coordinator of state implementation plan for information power, Information Power; and Colleen Williams, Cody High School librarian, Library Classroom Collaboration at Cody High School.

WSL Board gains 2 new members, 1 reappointment

For District 3, *Denice Wheeler* was reappointed for her third term. Wheeler was a Wyoming delegate to the first White House Conference on Libraries and later served as chairwoman for the Wyoming conference and is a published author. *Donna Ricks*, District 7, Fremont, Natrona and Converse counties, is serving her first term on the board. Ricks is a Wyoming native and has worked in the Douglas County School District for 20 years. *Ruth Osborn*, who is from Buffalo, is serving from District 4 -- Sheridan, Johnson and Campbell counties. She is also serving her first term on the board. She said she is a great user of libraries for pleasure and resources.

Wyoming Libraries Directory

The Wyoming Libraries Directory, a WSL publication, lists libraries, staff members, phone numbers, email addresses, Web sites and hours of operation. The directory can be viewed at: <http://cowgirl.state.wy.us/directory/index.html>

Second Day of Issue

May will bring a celebration of libraries with Second Day of Issue events planned around the state for the Library of Congress' commemorative bicentennial postal stamp. The Wyoming State Library's Public Programs, Publications and Marketing Office has created a second-day cover and cancellation in honor of Wyoming's libraries. The envelope features Mabel Wilkinson, an early library organizer in Platte and Park Counties, with a photo of her and a quote from her writings. Events have been planned throughout Wyoming to commemorate the bicentennial.