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Report to MPLA Executive Board

Wyoming state librarian, Lesley Boughton, is happy to announce that the WYLD library system will be "going live." Library users can use the new statewide system, iBistro software to search a library's catalog, visit other libraries, peruse high-quality Websites, read book reviews, summaries and other book information, all from a single, simple interface. The new WYLD system will be available for use to the public on July 1, 2002. Information about the new system is online at <http://wyldweb.state.wy.us>. Through joint funding by state, local and federal entities, the WYLD Network purchased Sirsi's Unicorn Consortia collection management software. The iBistro access portal is provided by federal funding to assure that WYLD resources are available to all residents.

Corinne Buffington joined the Public Programs, Publications and Marketing staff of the State Library on March 1, 2002, as a contract public information specialist.

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi

Enzi spoke to fellow members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP) as they considered the reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act.

"Wyoming is particularly dependent on the base grant in the Museum and Library Services Act since we receive a relatively small amount of the additional funding that is awarded on a per capita basis," Enzi said. He thanked Lesley Boughton for her hard work and service to Wyoming.

Joe French, State Library business manager, received a proclamation for his skill and perseverance in managing WYLD accounts so that hardware, software and training was accomplished without additional cost from the member libraries or the Legislature. April 5 was declared "Joe French Day". Thank you Joe.

Sweetwater County welcomes new director Paul Holland in February 2002.

Dawn Rohan, the Wyoming State Library's Patent and Trademark Depository (PTDL) librarian, attended the annual PTDL training seminar held March 16-22, in Washington D.C.

Jeanette Smith of Sundance is Gov. Jim Geringer's new appointee to the Wyoming State Library Board. She replaces Dorothy Baker.

The Dubois Branch of the Fremont County Library held an open house on Saturday, April 20. A special dedication ceremony took place at 11 AM. The branch library's new address is 202 N. 1st St.

Western Trails initiative promises new accessibility to a variety of media. Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), 16 Wyoming institutions will be able to make historic materials in their care available to anyone with access to a computer connected to the Internet. Wyoming partners in the project include the Coe Library and American Heritage Center, at the University of Wyoming; Casper College Library and Fort Casper Museum, Casper; the Platte County Library, the Chugwater Museum, the Glendo Museum, the Guernsey Visitor Center, and the Laramie Peak Museum; the Wyoming State Historical Society; and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, the Wyoming Arts Council, the Wyoming State Archaeologist, the Wyoming State Archives and the Wyoming State Museum. The project has a completion date of December 2003.

Respectfully submitted:
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