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WYOMING REPORT TO THE MPLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

September 18, 1999

Clymer elected to BCR Board

Frances Clymer of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, McCracken Research Library in Cody has been elected to the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) Board of Trustees.

E-Rate success in Wyoming

Only eleven of Wyoming's eligible libraries completed the application process in the allotted time during Year One. In Year Two of the E-Rate program, Wyoming saw almost a 100 percent increase in the number of eligible libraries applying for E-Rate funding within the window of opportunity. The remaining 21 qualified for \$68,819.36 almost doubling the amount received in the first year in Wyoming. While to date, 9 waves of funding support letters have been issued. All eligible Wyoming libraries received notices by Wave 7. Brian Greene, WY's Library E-Rate Coordinator, said it was done the old fashioned way - direct communication by phone, email and face-to-face (F2F).

Many libraries will receive additional support once the WYLD application submitted has undergone the necessary scrutiny.

Fairmount University buys Preston University in Cheyenne

Preston University in Cheyenne has been bought by Fairmount University. The fall 1999 semester may have changes in curriculum and course offerings. For more information contact Fairmount U at 307.634.1440 or URL: <http://www.preston.edu>

Public Library Director needed in Evanston Wyoming

Uinta County Library System is looking for a director since the retirement of Frank Swan. If you want to see an innovative advertisement for a job please look at:
<http://www.uinta6.k12.wy.us/WWW/Publiclibrary/directorhome.htm>

It allows one to explore the job description, pictures and notes about the system's libraries, and helpful local and recreational information. The library board has upped the salary and actually mailed the job announcement to over 200 libraries in the region.

Teton County receives recognition from ALA's YALSA

Teton county Public Library was listed in the third round of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Excellence in Library Service to Young People and will be recognized with a \$200 stipend. A panel discussion on community support for teens following the

Columbine shootings and a bomb scare at a local Jackson Hole school received YALSA's attention.

Wyoming hosts the Midcontinental Chapter/Medical Library Association Conference (MCMLA)

MCMLA '99 will take place October 6-9 in Snow King Resort, in Jackson Hole, WY. Contact Kerry Skidmore, Instructional Resources (142D), VA Hospital, 2360 E. Pershing, Cheyenne, WY 82001-5356. See: <http://www.kumc.edu/mcmla>

Wyoming Library Association conference to be held in Cheyenne

Yes, our next annual conference will be October 13-16, 1999 in Cheyenne, WY. Conference theme is: "America's Libraries: Embracing the Future, Preserving the Past." William Gordon, Executive Director of Ala will give the keynote address, "A Realist's View of the Future." Other programs included are:

The State Capital from the Inside Out, Library and Bookstores in the New Millennium and The First Amendment and Internet Filtering. For more information, contact Vickie Hoff, vhoff@coffey.com or see the WLA web site: <http://www.wyomingweb.net/confhighlights.html>

Wyoming Library Association (WLA) web site is thriving

An ad hoc committee on Electronic Communications for WLA has established a new WLA web presence which can be found at: <http://www.wyomingweb.net/>

Features that have been added include: online membership form, online discussion groups, online meeting room, electronic versions of library newsletters and publications, and the genesis of a wonderful professional development area. WLA also has a job board on its web site: <http://www.wyomingweb.net/jobboard.html> Wyoming Library Community

A Wyoming Library Community group has been established representing the different kinds of libraries in Wyoming. This group promote Wyoming libraries by being an exhibitor at statewide meetings of groups like the Wyoming Association of Municipalities, the WY Association of County Officials, the WY Business Alliance, the WY Extension Showcase on Technology (WEST), WY K-12 technology conferences and the like. It's another way to have a presence and "proactively" promote the resources found in all kinds of Wyoming's libraries.