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Wyoming State Board Report  
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Happenings in the last six months:

- In celebration of September being library card sign-up month, the State Library presented Gov. Dave Freudenthal with a library card. The Governor commented that a library card is an important part of lifelong learning and encouraged parents to take their children to get their library cards.
- Washakie County Library celebrated its 90th anniversary in August and the Niobrara County Library celebrated the 85th anniversary of their Carnegie Building.
- First Interstate Bank donated \$30,000 to the Sheridan Fulmer County Public Library renovation project. The library's foundation is leading a \$2.1 million capital campaign to remodel the library. Improvements will include new parking, additional meeting spaces, improved checkout and reference areas and updates to the children's library.
- The Wyoming Community Foundation awarded Crook County Library Foundation \$6,000 for the library's computer upgrade project through the McMurry Library Donor Advised Endowment Fund. This grant supports Crook County's continuing effort to provide its patrons access to up-to-date computers and WYLD's electronic resources.
- Library System Director Julie Henion has informed us that Platte County will no longer charge overdue fines on materials. Patrons will receive two overdue notices - the second will be a bill, with the option of paying it or returning the item (still fine-free). For those who feel badly about returning materials late and want to do proper penance, there will be a "Guilt Gourd" at the checkout desk for free will donations.
- Natrona County Library has a snazzy new bookmobile, funded by One-Cent tax money. The bookmobile has capacity for 4,000 items, allowing for an improved collection of current bestsellers, children's picture books, books on tape and newly released DVDs and videos. Funding for the colorful outside graphics was provided by the Friends of the Library. Natrona County's bookmobile will visit schools, neighborhoods, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other areas where a minimum of 10 patrons and 50 checkouts can be expected.

Happenings in the next six months:

- The State Library has started its newest rotating collection. This amazing collection of books on tape and on CD will remain with the county and can be moved within the participating branches. This collection was made possible by a grant from the McMurry Library Foundation and by the Central Acquisitions Program with the State Library.
- To start off this school year, the Wyoming Library Community is underwriting the public television show, *Between the Lions* through Sept. 2005. This show is an award-winning PBS television series that premiered in April 2000. It's designed to foster the literacy skills of its viewers, while playfully demonstrating the joys of reading. Each show aims to give kids four to seven years old some of the experiences they need in order to become

successful readers. In Wyoming, the show is on at 8 a.m. on your Wyoming Public Television station. Before and after the show is a 15 second "commercial" promoting the Wyoming Library Community.

#### Changes / Kudos around the state:

- Katie Jones has joined the Wyoming State Library as the Federal Publications' Librarian. Katie will primarily be focusing on federal document's records in WYLD. She will also be working closely with selective depositories in Wyoming as well as the Regional Depository at the University of Colorado in Boulder.
- Debra Adams has been named the Teton County Library Director. Deb has served as Acting Director twice in the past two years.
- Linda Herget, Cheyenne Central High School's library technician, is graduating from Emporia State University Aug. 28 with the degree of Master of Library Science. Congratulations to Linda for all her hard work and dedication.
- Troy Rumpf, Laramie County Library System public relations specialist, recently received national recognition from the Library Public Relations Council (LPRC). Rumpf's poster designs for the Art Flicks series and the Young Adult Coffeehouse were honored as one of the top 40-50 best library public relations efforts in LPRC's annual Share the Wealth competition. Additionally, Rumpf received an L. PeRCy Award of honorable mention (second place) for the library's annual report. This is the second year in the past three that LPRC has recognized Rumpf.
- University of Wyoming Dean of Libraries Maggie Farrell has been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Online Computer Library Center's (OCLC's) Members' Council, the world's largest library consortium.
- Pat Taylor, a librarian at Saratoga Middle School and a storyteller, received the American Hiking Society Volunteer of the Year award. It was presented to her at the Brush Creek Visitors' Center after her Wildlife Folklore interpretive program on June 5.

#### Opportunities:

- ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR, TETON COUNTY LIBRARY, Jackson, WY -- Complete job description available online at <http://tclib.org/administration/>
- LIBRARY DIRECTOR. Due to a retirement the Fremont County Library System headquartered in Lander, WY is recruiting for its next Library Director. Additional information about the library and community is on the web at <http://www.fremontcountylibraries.org/>