

ST-12 Wyoming Report

Wyoming State Representative

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MPLA Activities

- Reviewing reports submitted by the MPLA Committees and by the state representatives;

Action Items – MPLA Representative & WLA/MPLA 2015 Conference Chair

- The Wyoming Library Association 2016 Conference will be held at the Snow King Lodge in Jackson, Wyoming starting Wednesday, September 21st through Friday September 23rd 2016. Snow King Lodge is a beautiful venue in Jackson located close to Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park.
- Conference Program proposals may soon be submitted via the WLA website.
- I have sought nomination ideas in my position as the Chair of the MPLA Nominating Committee from my Dean of the UW Libraries, Lori Phillips and from our Interim State Librarian, Jamie Markus. Both came through with some good names. (See my MPLA Nominating Committee Report). <https://wyla.memberclicks.net/>
- The Wyoming Historical Society and the Wyoming State Library Call for Nominations for 2016 Top Ten Wyoming Artifacts -- Wyoming's cultural institutions are invited to nominate what they consider to be their most significant artifact to the Wyoming State Historical Society's 2016 Top Ten Artifacts, project.



Last year's winning artifact: The original Wyoming state flag, housed at Natrona County Public Library.

The success of this program kicked off last year in conjunction with the state's 125th anniversary. It was so popular program that it was decided that it should be made an annual event. Last year nominations were received from 41 public cultural institutions throughout Wyoming. Judges selected the top 25, and then the public voted on the Top

Ten, which were announced last November. ([See last year's winners here.](#)) The University of Wyoming is hosting the website.

- The Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception is set for February 11, 2016. As a member of the Executive Board for WLA and MPLA I plan to attend and report back to MPLA. [WLA holds this potluck each year](#) to thank the legislators for their support of libraries. This year's WLA Legislative Reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 11, 2016 at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave., Cheyenne. Library directors, employees, trustees, and volunteers are encouraged to attend. The reception will be preceded by a 5 p.m. briefing from WLA lobbyist Marian Schulz. This year's reception is critical because the Wyoming budget is extremely tight due to the drop in energy commodities. The state is facing massive budget cuts.

Respectfully submitted,
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