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Wyoming Report

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The Wyoming Library Association annual meeting will be in Laramie September 30 through October 3, 2009 at the University of Wyoming Conference Center. Keynote speakers are George Needham and Joan Frye Williams.

The new addition to William Robertson Coe Library at the University of Wyoming is a big hit with the students, despite occupying the addition the week before finals were scheduled. Renovation of the old building continues, with an estimated project completion date of October 2009. The grand opening ceremonies will be scheduled in November 2009. Pictures of the construction are available at <http://uwlib5.uwyo.edu/blogs/illc/project-images-videos/>

Like everyone else we in Wyoming are figuring out the best ways to maintain services while dealing with budget cuts. Cuts to library budgets within the state range from minimal to around 50%, and libraries are working hard to find ways to cope with the situation. We'll get through this year and hope for better next year.

A flash flood on July 3, 2009 caused some damaged to the library building at Casper College. No materials were damaged, but the floors will need to be replaced and some mold clean up was done.

The Wyoming State Library has been moved to their new location, which is the renovated former home of the Laramie County Library. The new State Library is located at Central Avenue and 28th Street, at 2800 Central Avenue and is open to researchers, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for state holidays.

Digitization continues on the Wyoming Newspaper Project and an updated list of scanned and indexed papers is at <http://www.wyone newspapers.org/> As of May 22, 2009 they had 721,138 full page newspaper images loaded.

The Wyoming State Library, in partnership with the Idaho Commission for Libraries, the Montana State Library, and the South Dakota State Library will recruit and provide Institute of Museum and Library Services-funded scholarships to educate 50 librarians and school library media specialists to work in the region's rural communities. More information is at <http://www-wsl.state.wy.us/grant.html>

Respectfully submitted,

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