

Wyoming Library Association Awards/Grants Committee  
Annual Report  
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**Activities and Accomplishments**

The committee met during spring 2018 via teleconference. The deadline for all awards was June 15, 2018. All meeting agendas and notes are available on the committee's Google Drive site.

**Changes to Awards**

The committee made no changes to the awards this year.

**Awards/Grants**

- *OUTSTANDING HEROINE AWARD*  
*Jeanette Smith (Volunteer, Crook County Library Foundation)*

This award provides an opportunity for WLA to recognize an outstanding person or group, whose hard work has made a difference to a Wyoming library within the last two years.

- *OUTSTANDING LIBRARIAN AWARD*  
*Janet Tharp (Youth Services Coordinator, Campbell County Public Library)*

This award is meant to, above all, recognize and especially honor the significant and outstanding accomplishments set forth by a library employee in the past year, such as service to library patrons, and the library community that this individual is a part of. It is also meant to reflect the goals of WLA and the library professional, as a whole.

- *OUTSTANDING LIBRARY AWARD*  
*Natrona County Library*

For a significant special project completed within the last 2 years. The staff, library board and the community or people served shall all be involved in the work for which recognition is sought.

- *NORA VAN BURG DEVELOPMENT GRANT*  
*Jennifer Beckstead (Teen Librarian, Natrona County Public Library)*

Funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Collins, July 24, 2018.