

**Wyoming Library Association (WLA) Awards/Grants Committee
2021 Annual Report**

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ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The committee met virtually throughout 2021, beginning in February. The deadline for award nominations was August 2, 2021. The deadline for grant nominations was August 2, 2021. The winners were announced at the virtual Wyoming Library Association annual conference on October 7, 2021.

The membership of the committee changed dramatically in August and September, with only Nicholle Gerharter remaining. Jacob Mickelson, Jeff Collins, and Jason Grubb stepped in to help choose award winners and coordinate with the conference committee and state library. Award presentations to winners will take place in person in the coming months in the recipients' hometowns.

CHANGES TO AWARDS

The committee created the Lifetime Achievement Award, along with the criteria for applying.

Awards/Grants

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes the achievements and accomplishments of a library employee throughout their library career, including service to the public and/or library community. It is also meant to reflect the goals of the Wyoming Library Association and the library profession as a whole.

2021 WINNER: Michelle Havenga (Children's Librarian, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library)

Outstanding Hero/Heroine Award

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.

2021 WINNER: Jana Pastor (Rock Springs Library volunteer)

Outstanding Librarian Award

This award recognizes the significant and outstanding accomplishments of a library employee in the past year, including service to the public and/or library community. It is also meant to reflect the goals of WLA and the library profession as a whole.

2021 WINNER: Rachael Svoboda (Laramie County Library System)

Outstanding Library Award

This award recognizes a significant special project completed within the last two years. The staff, library board, community, or people served must all have been involved in the work for which recognition is sought.

2021 WINNER: Wyoming State Library

Nora Van Burgh Grant

This grant provides funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness as library employees through additional educational experience.

2021 WINNER: DeeAnna Waters (Fairview Elementary, Cheyenne)

Respectfully submitted by Nicholle Gerharter on behalf of the WLA Awards/Grants Committee, October 19, 2021.