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STATE LIBRARY DIVISION

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State Librarian Report to the Wyoming Library Association

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The State Library is preparing to welcome a new Director of the Department of Administration and Information and is actively waiting for various procurement and government efficiency reports, rules, and procedures to be finalized. The ultimate impact of these changes on the WSL remains unclear.

The Library Community has seen a 24% library director turnover rate this year. WSL will conduct as many Directors' Orientations as needed to inform new directors of Wyoming Library Association, State Library, and WYLD Network services and obligations.

WSL remains fully staffed.

Budget News:

Work on the 2021/22 Biennial State General Fund budget began in March. At this time, no budget reductions are required.

Congress updated and reauthorized the Museum and Library Services Act in December 2018. The new law changes the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States funding formula by increasing the base grant amount from \$680,000 to \$1 million for each state over a period of years. WSL will see additional federal library funds if/when Congress allocates additional money to the program.

President Trump's 2020 Budget recommendation again eliminates all funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The American Library Association, Wyoming Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, and other organizations are closely monitoring this situation. The Wyoming Library Community may be asked to participate in communication and lobbying activities later this year. Our elected officials and their staff think highly of our libraries and services; no one believes that IMLS will be defunded.

State Library priorities remain the same:

1. **Shared library infrastructure**, including the statewide Integrated Library System, interlibrary loan software, and electronic resources platforms (Cloud Library and RBDigital)
2. State Library **staff**
3. State Library programs and projects **required by statute**
4. Statewide library databases/resources and State Library programs, projects, and collections that are not required by statute

FY19 Project Updates

The Wyoming State Library conducted 86 training sessions with more than 1,249 library workers, state employees, teachers, and Wyoming residents. Archived training videos were accessed 11,342 times and watched for more than 761 hours.

The WYLD Network of Libraries facilitated 3,967,822 library transactions in 109 public, academic, school, and special library outlets using the statewide Integrated Library System managed by the State Library. A recent cost analysis shows that libraries pay the WYLD Network four to ten times less than what they would pay if they ran their own integrated library systems.

The Wyoming State Library circulated 292,155 e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines through statewide licensed products found on the GoWYLD.net library resource portal.

State Library digital content lending was enhanced with the expansion of the subscription to RBDigital to provide unlimited access to over 30,000 digital audiobooks.

Updates to services in libraries include releasing a new mobile app for patron access to the library catalog and account information, updating the method for allowing libraries to register patrons online, migrating patron facing sites to HTTPS, and working with the library system vendor on a database cleanup project to improve records and indexing.

During fiscal year 2019, the Wyoming State Library's Central Acquisitions Program successfully administered 177 separate accounts for 43 Wyoming County Libraries, School Districts, Community Colleges and Institutions, facilitating and managing discount purchases of over \$970,000. The bulk purchasing program saves libraries approximately 40% off retail pricing.

The Wyoming State Library migrated the Wyoming Inventors Digital Collection to a new database platform and updated all six Digital Collection websites. Additionally, WSL added 13,029 records to the Digital Collection Suite, bringing the total number of records to 941,309. This year, the WSL Digital Collection Suite has had 199,066 views.

The Marketing and Publications Office continued monthly mini-marketing kits to make it easy for local libraries to promote specific GoWYLD resources. Materials include pre-written emails and graphics to share as well as additional resources for librarians. The team also produced 100 Assistive Technology kits for/with University of Wyoming's WATR department. The kits included 6,000 brochures, 6,000 double-sided rack cards, and a selection of Assistive Technology equipment and resources.

Center for the Book projects promoted books and reading. These included helping Wyoming Humanities with the One Book Wyoming Hemingway project, running the Letters About Literature student writing contest at the state level, and staffing of Wyoming's booth at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.

The Library Development Office coordinated a spring NASA training for Youth Services library staff, represented the libraries on the Governor's Council for the Wyoming Women's Suffrage Celebration, and participated in three grant-funded projects: LEAP into Science (train-the-trainer workshops), Reaching Out: Meeting the Needs of Rural School Librarians (Open Education Resources for school libraries), and the National Digital Newspaper Program (digitization grant with UW Libraries).