

WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

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RE: Wyoming State Library Report to the Wyoming Library Association

The Wyoming State Library is in transition. This year WSL will see a 35% turnover rate and an additional 25% of the staff could retire today. This change is not a bad thing. It has allowed the State Library Management Team to realign staff, programs and projects to meet our statutory requirements to collect state publications, manage federal funds allotted to libraries and support library development through continuing education and the library infrastructure found in the WYLD consortia, the gowyld.net databases and the statewide interlibrary loan service.

Here are a few of our current projects:

- WSL has updated our logo and letterhead and is working on a new design for our website and digital collection portals.
- The Library Development Office is working with the North Dakota and South Dakota State Libraries on an Institute of Museum and Library Services planning grant that we hope will lead to scholarships for Masters' Degrees in Library Science and School Library Certification.
- Brian Greene has been heavily involved in the changes to eRate to find opportunities for Wyoming libraries.
- WSL moved servers from within the State Capitol Complex to the Greenhouse Data Center. Brian and the WYLD managed the move, handled the technology issues caused by it and worked hard to keep the lines of communication open throughout the transition. This required server move will provide a more secure and stable environment for library infrastructure.
- WSL will update how we release library news over the next few months. We plan to combine our wyominglibraries.org blog and monthly newsletters for Library Boards and Foundations into one email newsletter for all staff.
- WSL recently transferred \$26,000 into the eAudio and eBook shared purchases account. This is the first time that we have used federal funds to purchase content in several years.
- WSL transferred \$5,000 of remaining Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation training funds into the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute account.
- WSL is adding new staff to the team. Robyn Mofield, most recently a student worker in UW Special Collections, has joined WSL as a library technician. Tekla Slider, previously




The Wyoming State Library is one of six divisions of the Department of Administration & Information, along with Human Resources, Budget, Economic Analysis, General Services, and Construction Management. The WSL provides resources, training, and business support to the Wyoming library community and exists to serve Wyoming residents, librarians, and state government employees.

of Laramie County Library System and the F.E. Warren Air Force Base Library, will be jumping on board as our federal documents librarian. We also have a new Marketing and Publications Team; Cary Dunlap from the Wyoming Department of Education and Susan Mark from the Library Development Office.

- WSL was able to reclassify a publications and marketing specialist position into a librarian position and will be hiring a School Libraries Consultant in October. This is the first time that WSL will have a school library specialist on staff. This employee will work with the WLA School Library Interest Group to coordinate the Information Power Institute, will work with other state groups and organizations that support school libraries and will provide front line support and training to the 300+ school libraries in Wyoming.
- WSL worked with the Wyoming Department of Education to add two certified School Librarians to the WDE Statewide Educational Technology Plan Advisory Committee.

The State Library is changing. We have many new faces, job titles and duties. However, our services will remain the same and we will take advantage of some new opportunities. The future is bright.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or comments.



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