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"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." — Albert Einstein
New SLIG Officers

Laura Miller
Chair
Campbell County School District
Wright Junior Senior High
Cottonwood Elementary School

Monica Brennan Co-Chair
Campbell County School District
Meadowlark Elementary School
Rawhide Elementary School

Judy Rembacz
Recording Secretary
Sweetwater School District #1
Eastside Elementary School, Rock Springs
Desert School Elementary School, Wamsutter
“Looking Back, Leading Forward” was the theme of the 2014 WLA conference. WLA members celebrated 100 years of library excellence and advocacy in Wyoming.

The 2014 WLA conference was well attended by SLIG members. In addition, many SLIG members presented conference sessions, some of which are listed to the right. SLIG members are well represented in all aspects of the WLA organization. Richard Landreth, pictured on the far left, is a Campbell County School Librarian as well as 2014 WLA President.

Looking Back, Leading Forward

SLIG Related Highlights

- We Know Research
- Reading With Red
- What skills do High School Students Need for College?
- Tara Aaron: international copyright
- Unconference
- Power to the Poster
- SLIG Interest Meeting
- Margaret Peterson Haddix: children’s author
- Dr. Jennifer B. Kahnweiler: best selling author & researcher
One of the most unique features of the 2014 WLA Conference was the unconference. It was an informal, participant-led professional development experience that allowed colleagues to geek out about topics of interest.

Topics included advocacy, programming, gaming, instruction, copyright, cataloging, organization, tech tools, eBooks, and electronic sources.

Session Highlights:

Tara Anderson
Tara is an intellectual property lawyer in Nashville. She discussed fair use in contemporary times.

Reading with Red
Angie Jensen is the owner of Angie’s Pet Service as well as a Therapy Dogs Incorporated Tester and Observer.

Red is a Pomeranian reading therapy dog.
“The school library is able to provide the most fiscally efficient, equitable, yet comprehensive offering of information, resources, and books for children.”

Christie Kaaland is a founding member of a national grassroots effort, Act4SL, in cooperation with school library advocacy leaders from around the country working toward inclusive language that addresses equitable access to information for all children in the national legislation, Race to the Top, Quoted in : Kaaland, Christie. 2011. “School Library Language for Legislators.” School Library Monthly 27.6 (March): 49-51.

On January 22 and January 23, Wyoming Librarians will be meeting with Wyoming Legislators to discuss the continued development of our Wyoming School Libraries.

Megan Dingman and Maggie Stubbs are the Wyoming School Library Legislative Representatives who will be sharing their expertise on current school library research as well as collaborating with legislators.

Wyoming Legislative Meeting Winter 2015

Thursday, January 22: Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, WY  
Friday, January 23: Laramie County Public Library, Laramie, WY
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**Bookmarks**
Soaring Eagle Awards 2014-2015

7th-12th Grade

Thirteen Days to Midnight
by Patrick Carman

The Selection
by Kiera Cass

Royal Ranger
by John Flanagan

The Fault in Our Stars
by John Green

The Darkest Path
by Jeff Hirsch

Insignia
by S. J. Kincaid

Forgotten
by Cat Patrick

Between Shades of Gray
by Ruta Sepetys

Zom-B
by Darren Shan

Unwholly
by Neal Shusterman

Counting by 7’s
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

This is What Happy Looks Like
by Jennifer Smith

The Running Dream
by Wendelin Van Draanen

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliba
by Malala Yousafzai

Bookmarks
When:  
August 3rd-5th  
8AM-5PM

Where:  
UW Outreach Center  
Room 322  
Casper, WY

Registration and more details to follow in the upcoming SLIG newsletter.

National Speaker:  
David Loertscher

The conference will also feature...Shelly King as well as Megan Casey of Rocky Mountain Puppets!

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August 4th come prepared to participate in an all day workshop that will center on the creation and transformation of the traditional school library into a vibrant Learning Commons in both physical and virtual space. Participants will have a busy day thinking, constructing, building, discussing, and planning ways to pushing the current library program into the heart of teaching and learning.
Wyoming School Library Development Grant

An anonymous donor has established a grant to provide funding assistance to those who wish to enhance their effectiveness in their school library. Requirements for the application are as follows: A. Applicant must have been a member of the Wyoming Library Association for (3) years. B. Applicant must be a current member of the School Library Interest Group and employed in a Wyoming school library.

Conditions of Grant

The grant is for $250 per recipient with the number of recipients determined by the School Library Grant Committee.

Individuals may apply for grants for continuing education activities, workshops, seminars, exchanges, and conferences (examples include but are not limited to WLA Fall Conference, the biennial AASL Conference, the Teacher Librarian track at the Colorado TIE Conference, Information Power, or WyTECC). Deadline for applications is May 1st. You may apply for support of a projected activity for the upcoming twelve months. In order to share the information and experience with the interest group, a written report will be required of all grantees. Report must be submitted within three months of the completion of the event to receive reimbursement.

Selection Criteria

- Grant request meets stated guidelines. (25 points)
- Applicant's goal for this project is clearly stated including anticipated benefits for personal growth and the SIIG (25 points)
- Applicant states how successes and effectiveness will be measured. (25 points)
- Applicant includes a plan to share information with School Library interest group members (25 points)

Find the Wyoming School Library Grant Application at: [wyla.org](http://wyla.org) located on the SLIG Interest Group Page
WLA-MPLA 2015 Conference

Please join us for the 2015 joint MPLA/WLA Conference.

Changing Libraries in the New West

When:
September 23rd-25th

Where:
Little America
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Arizona     North Dakota
Colorado    New Mexico
Kansas      Oklahoma
Montana     South Dakota
Nebraska    Utah
Nevada      Wyoming
Do you have questions about using WLA MemberClicks? Check out the link below...

https://wyla.memberclicks.net/assets/site/memberclicks.pdf

Or contact Laura Miller or Monica Brennan

laura.miller.wy@gmail.com  monicahbrennan@gmail.com

All SLIG members have been uploaded into the e-lists in MemberClicks to receive information via email.
LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizing the significant accomplishments of a library employee who has in the past year improved library service to customers; contributed to WLA and the profession; and or contributed to the library’s community.

Nomination Requirements: Please include the following information:

* Contributions to WLA and the profession in the past year
* Contributions to the library and its community in the past year
* Original thinking in programs initiated, in planning, in use of resources, or in special projects in the past year
* Optional: Additional comments and supporting documentation for this nomination (maximum of three pages)

Nominate A School Library Leader

GROWING STRONG: 51 Wyoming School Library Interest Group Members
Eastside Library

School Community Focus: Eastside School, Rock Springs, WY
From the other side of this window is our school's hallway entrance...for all who enter can enjoy!

Painting the windows...

With a student body of 450 students, Eastside Elementary Library is making our windows very festive for the holidays. Painting the windows has brightened the school and brought some holiday cheer to all of our 5th and 6th graders here at Eastside!!
Colorado Council International Reading Association
2015 Conf. on Feb. 4-7 at Denver Marriott Tech Center. For more info., http://www.ccira.org

TIE (Technology & Innovation in Education) Conference
2015 April 19-21 in Rapid City, SD (http://conference.tie.net/default.htm).

AASL Planning Guide: Empowering Infinite Options for Personalized Professional Growth
This four-week course provides an overview of the AASL Planning Guide and Rubric grounded in principles of adult learning and peer coaching. A one year subscription to the Planning Guide module will be included with registration to the eAcademy Course. Learn more or register.

From 0 to 60: Implement eBooks in Your Library Program in 4 Weeks
There are many eBook vendors looking to provide content to school libraries, but how do you know which one is best for you? This course will focus on implementing an eBook collection for your campus/school district in order to meet the needs of your students and staff. Learn more or register.

Conference Link
AASL @ ALA Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 30th-February 3rd, 2015
AASL @ ALA 2015 National Conference, San Francisco, California, June 25-30th
AASL 17th National Conference and Exhibition, Columbus, Ohio, November 5th-8th
The mission of the School Library Interest Group (SLIG) is to network, encourage and disseminate information helpful to the school library media community in Wyoming. Please consider joining our group and our e-list email at [http://wyla.org](http://wyla.org). More information can found about our group and what we have been accomplishing at [http://www.wyla.org/school-library-interest-group](http://www.wyla.org/school-library-interest-group).