

# SLIG

## SCHOOL LIBRARY INTEREST GROUP

# 2016 February Newsletter

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 email list at <http://wyla.org>. More information can be found about our group at <http://www.wyla.org/schoollibraryinterestgroup>.

# SLIG and Information Power Leadership

SLIG leadership has changed. The leader is now Megan Bietz-Dingman from Prairie Wind in Gillette. The Co-Leader is Kathy Bjornestad from Sundance, Wyoming. The secretary is Carolin Hardesty from Buffalo Ridge in Gillette.

Information Power is being chaired by Kathy Bjornestad, Co-Chair is Paige B

# School Library Consultant at the State Library

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The Wyoming State Library welcomes **Paige Bredenkamp** to its staff as the **School Library Consultant**. She will be the point of contact for school library employees who have questions or need to consult an expert.

Paige has worked both in the classroom and as a school librarian. She taught 7th and 8th grade English and was a K-8 librarian in Rushville, Nebraska, for four years before moving to Torrington in 2011 to work as a K-5 librarian. She moved to Cheyenne last year and was a Title I tutor at Lehart Elementary and Fairview Elementary. She has a B.A. in English literature from Humboldt State University and a B.S. in education from Chadron State College. She holds a school library media endorsement and is currently working on her MLIS through San Jose State University.

Paige's goals that she would like to address include:

- \*Bringing library related professional development to school librarians and staff
- \*Being a conduit for resource/lesson sharing among widespread school libraries
- \*Providing research and support addressing library issues, such as collaboration with classroom teachers, Common Core, policies (material selection, reconsideration, weeding, etc.), and more
- \*Being a resource for technology integration ideas

The role of **School Library Consultant** was created to support and to work with Wyoming school libraries. As such, your ideas will help to shape what this position becomes and what it will offer to our future school library community and, ultimately, kids. Feel free to contact Paige via phone or email.

# Information Power

Information Power is futuring “Maker Spaces”

Will be in Casper August 1-3

Look out! Registration information will be coming out soon!

# WLA Fall 2016

Will start at noon on Weds. Sept. 21-Friday, Sept. 23 after the author luncheon in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Check the [WYLA.ORG](http://WYLA.ORG) website for more information.

# Wyoming Book Awards

Voting is Open- Winners will be announced in March!

Please put in student votes at [WYLA.org](http://WYLA.org)

# ALA/AASL/ISTE

AASL 17th Conference was in  
Columbus, OH November 5-8, 2016

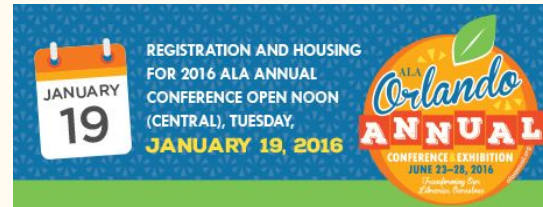


Next: Phoenix, AZ  
November 2017!



ALA Midwinter Meeting will be held in  
Boston, MA January 8-12, 2016

ALA Annual Conference will be held in  
Orlando, FL June 23-28, 2016



ISTE Annual Conference will be in  
Denver, CO June 26-29, 2016

# Shared Purchases (WYLD Databases)

The Shared Purchases committee meets via teleconference monthly to review the database usage, to review possible additions to the database offerings in the state, and to renew database contracts. Due to Wyoming State's 600 million dollar shortfall over the next three years, the committee may need to make some tough choices regarding which databases should be renewed and which may not be renewed. Usage statistics are looked at carefully when making these decisions. As a result, the ReferenceUSA database was not renewed, so when the contract expires in mid-December 2015, the database will disappear from the State's offerings. If you need any assistance with the databases, the webinars by Chris Van Burgh, are phenomenally helpful!

Additionally, Jamie Markus, interim State Librarian, has appointed Suzan Skaar, a librarian from Cheyenne South High School, to the Shared Purchases committee. Welcome, Suzan!



# Legislation

Budget Cuts

Family Literacy

Every Student Succeeds Act

ALA focusing on Islamaphobia

# McMurry Foundation Grants

## School Library Grant

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