

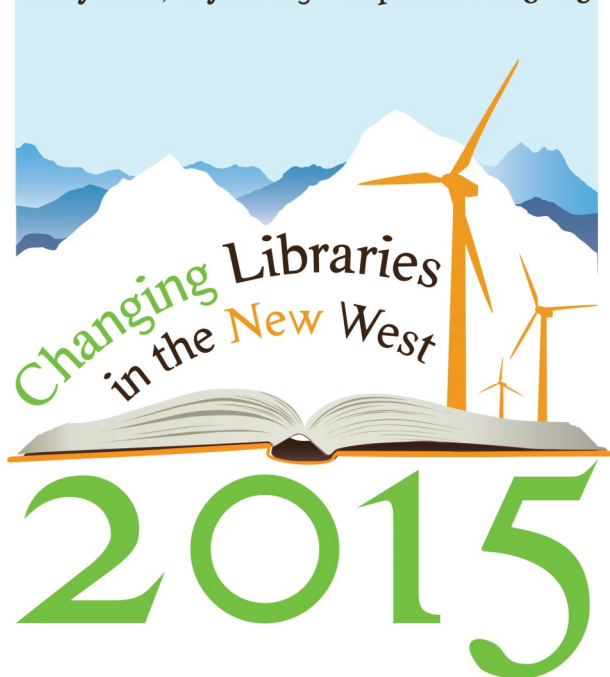
# WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## MPLA and WLA will hold joint conference in September

### WLA-MPLA Conference

Cheyenne, Wyoming • September 23–25



The Mountain Plains Library Association and the Wyoming Library Association are planning a joint fall meeting. The conference will be held at Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming from September 23-25, 2015.

The opening reception will be held at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum on the grounds of Frontier Park. Complimentary transportation on the Cheyenne Street Railway trolleys will be provided between Little America and the museum.

There will be three pre-conference sessions on Wednesday and a variety of programs on Thursday and Friday.

Other events include the Legislative Luncheon, Awards Banquet, and Children's Author Luncheon. Several breaks with exhibitors are planned, along with times for business, committee, and interest group meetings, and an Unconference on Thursday afternoon.

## Keynote Speaker Scott Ginsberg

In the beginning, wearing a nametag 24 hours a day was just a gimmick to make friends. But soon, his crazy idea didn't seem so crazy.

Scott's social experiment has now evolved into an urban legend, world record, cultural phenomenon, and a profitable enterprise. His work has been benchmarked as a case study on human interaction, revolutionizing the way people look at approachability, identity and commitment.

He is the author of more than 30 books, including *The Power of Approachability*, *Make a Name for Yourself*, and *Zen and the Art of Wearing Nametags*.

He lives in Brooklyn, where he often talks to strangers.



## Conference Registration Available at WLA Website

[CLICK HERE](#) for conference registration

If you are a WLA member, please sign in using your login and password.

If you are not a WLA member, please sign in using your email address.

### DEADLINES

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS AT MIDNIGHT, **September 1, 2015.**

The rates will increase on September 2.

Registration can be made up to **September 18, 2015** at the late rate, which includes meals.

No meals will be available after September 18.

### Children's Author Luncheon Features Jack Gantos

Jack Gantos writes books for readers of all ages, including *Dead End in Norvelt*, the 2012 Newbery Award Winner and the Scott O'Dell Award Winner for Best Historic Fiction.

As a child, Jack was in the Bluebird reading group, which he later found out was for the slow readers. To this day he'd rather be called a Bluebird.

While in college, he and an illustrator friend, Nicole Rubel, began working on picture books. After a series of well-deserved rejections, they published their first book, *Rotten Ralph*, in 1976. It was a success and the beginning of Jack's career as a professional writer. This surprised a great many people who thought he was going to specialize in rehabilitating old bookmobiles into housing for retired librarians.

In addition to writing, Jack has taught courses in children's book writing and children's literature, and developed master's degree programs related to children's books at Emerson College and Vermont College. He now devotes his time to writing books and educational speaking.



### Marian Orr Will Speak at Legislative Luncheon

Marian Orr is the lobbyist for the Wyoming Library Association. She has more than 20 years experience in government policy, public policy strategy, and campaign management.

She is the owner of Plan A and has previously worked for the Wyoming Society of CPAs and for Wyoming Congressman Craig Thomas in his Casper and Washington, D.C. offices.

She has a degree in mass communication/media studies from the University of Wyoming.



2800 W. Lincolnway  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
800-445-6945

**Block rate ends Aug. 22, 2015.** Ask for Wyoming Library Association rate.  
Check-in 3 p.m.; check-out noon. Tax not included.

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## MEAL EVENTS

**Thursday, Sept. 24**  
**Legislative Luncheon**  
\$17.50, 12:05-1:20 p.m.

Choice of entrée: *Chicken Caesar Salad* or *Turkey Focaccia*  
*Lemon Cake*  
Includes tea, coffee, assorted dressings and rolls with butter

**Awards Banquet**  
\$34.00, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Choice of entrée: *London Broil* or *Salmon Filet*  
*Strawberry Blue Cheese Salad*  
*Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes*  
*Chocolate Truffle Cake*  
Includes tea, coffee, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls, and dessert  
Cash bar available 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 25**  
**Children's Author Luncheon**  
\$22.00, 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Choice of entrée: *Grilled Vegetable Lasagna* or *Chicken Parmesan with Pasta*  
*Romaine Salad*  
*Cheesecake with Fruit Topping*  
Includes tea, coffee, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls, and dessert

***Please include any dietary restrictions on your registration form.***