



Wyoming Library Association

NEWSLETTER

Convention Issue - August 2006

Re-Energize @ WLA

When?

Pre-Conference - Wednesday, September 27

Conference - Thursday, September 28 &

Friday, September 29

Post-Conference - Saturday, September 30

CAM-PLEX - Gillette, Wyoming

Where?

Host Hotel: Clarion Inn

2009 S. Douglas Hwy - Gillette

Room Rate: \$64.99, plus tax

Single, double, triple, quad

BLOCK ENDS AUGUST 26th

RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY: (307) 686-3000

The registration form is new this year! The WLA Executive Board approved an option that would include four meals in the registration fee (two breakfasts, two lunches). Optional Awards banquet and pre-conference meal may be purchased on the form.

DUE TO THE GROWTH GILLETTE HAS EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A QUICK MEAL. FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS CAN TAKE UP TO AN HOUR OR MORE! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO A PROGRAM MEAL, WE ARE OFFERING A BUFFET EACH DAY FOR YOUR PURCHASE AND CONVENIENCE.

Register online at www.wyla.org - VISA/MC only!



Legislative Update

The Legislative Committee of WLA continues in its pursuit of Wyoming Public Libraries Endowment legislation for the 2007 Legislative Session. After the failure of similar legislation in 2006, the Committee felt compelled to investigate the causes of the bill's quiet death—it did not make it out of the Legislative Service Office due to lack of sponsorship. Contact was made with Senator John Schiffer, Majority Floor Leader (Johnson/Sheridan counties) to

discuss the bill's status and the possibility of reintroducing it in 2007. Senator Schiffer was receptive to the idea and agreed to sponsor the bill. The bill, which would create a Wyoming Public Libraries Endowment Fund, is currently being drafted by the Legislative Service Office. The bill is expected to be introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session.

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The Wyoming State Treasurer is responsible for the management of the Wyoming State Treasury. The Treasurer is also responsible for the management of the Wyoming Public Libraries Endowment Fund. The Treasurer is currently being drafted by the Legislative Service Office. The bill is expected to be introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session.

"There is
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Heraclitus,
Greek
philosopher

organization work. If you have not served in your section or a committee, please consider doing so. We all have something we can do to contribute to the leadership of the organization.

Big change seems to be a constant companion this year. Campbell County Public Library, the home of vice president Ara Anderson and the local arrangements committee for this year's conference in Gillette, is in the middle of a large renovation of their main building. Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library is also remodeling and renovating. The Laramie County Library System is building a new three story facility. Furthermore, the Wyoming State Library, where I work, is on the move. During much of June and July, WSL staff have been packing and unpacking for the move to our new location in Cheyenne (a former Safeway building). During June and the first few days of July, it took 26 WSL employees 16 ½ days to unpack, sort, and shelve 5,500 boxes of library materials—more than half a million books and documents.

The move will be completed by August 1, and the State Library will once again be open to patrons. Stack and public internet access will be limited in the new building. Librarians visiting Cheyenne are always welcome to stop in and say hello at the new location—516 S. Greeley Highway, between the pharmacy and the video store.

This year's conference theme is not directly about change, but about re-energizing ourselves. After a year of major life changes, I'm all about re-energizing. The Program Council and the local arrangements committee have done a wonderful job in planning this year's conference.

I also would like to thank those of you who served on the Executive Board, the Program Council, chaired committees or sections. It takes the efforts of all of us to make this



CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Marshall Breeding

Marshall Breeding is the Director for Innovative Technologies and Research at the Vanderbilt University Library. He is part of the senior management team of the library and he focuses on planning the strategic use of technology in the library. He designs and develops digital library resources for the library. Marshall oversees the Vanderbilt Television News Archive, a large-scale archive of digital video content. In addition to his responsibilities at Vanderbilt, Marshall

is a frequent speaker and writer on topics of network technologies and library automation. He is the creator and editor of the Library Technology Guides web site and the lib-web-cats online directory of libraries on the Web. His monthly column "Systems Librarian" appears in Computers in Libraries; he is a Contributing Editor for Smart Libraries Newsletter published by the American Library Association, and has authored the "Automated System Marketplace" feature published in the April 1 issue of Library Journal for the last four years. He has authored five issues of ALA's Library Technology Reports, and has written many other articles and book chapters. Marshall has edited or authored five books. He regularly teaches workshops and gives presentations at library conferences on a variety of topics related to network technologies and library automation.

More information at: <http://staffweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/breeding/>


EXHIBITS @ WLA
Laura Grott, Executive Secretary

One of the popular attractions at WLA is the exhibits, and this year will be no exception. We already have a full house lined up for you. Plan time at conference to visit these great vendors! There will be jewelry for sale from the Colorado Library Association for their Bulgarian Library Project. So, in addition to your book and technology money, bring "fun" money for yourself!

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 of Omaha ♦ Alexandria/Big 6 TurboTools ♦ BCR ♦ Mountain Press ♦ Colorado Library Association -
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