



**WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER - CONFERENCE EDITION**

## **OUR LIBRARIES, YOUR FUTURE, OUR WLA**

It may seem redundant to say these things, but that is precisely why I suggested this as the 2007 theme. It's time to put some focus on the who and what of WLA. I know some former and active members are reluctant to give hard-earned dollars for a membership from which they do not personally benefit or when they feel those dollars are better spent with another association.

At this year's WLA conference, we will have more business time to focus on the who and what of the association, getting to know WLA leadership and opportunities available to you. We are the future of WLA.

And wait till you see what they've done with the Little America Hotel. It's quite the place for meetings, meals, and merriment. It is expanding to become Wyoming's largest meeting and convention hotel, adding 26,000 square feet of space. Guest rooms have received amazing facelifts, and the hotel has a popular nine-hole golf course, large gift shop, a wonderful restaurant and lounge, a coffee house, and the popular Little America 50 cent ice cream cones.

The Authors' Reception will take place on Friday evening at the new Laramie County Library (as well as building tours), so this year we will take advantage of Wednesday evening as a time for committees and sections to meet. The Executive Board will meet at 6PM. Perhaps you would like to attend?

Key speakers will be the irrepressible **Nancy Pearl**, a Reader's Advisory guru; **Lorcan Dempsey**, OCLC's chief strategist; and **Will Hobbs**, a writer of exciting outdoor adventure stories, picture books, and award-winning young adult novels. They certainly provide a foundation for a stimulating and worthwhile conference.

Special thanks and acknowledgement go to Laura Grott, Trish Palluck & the Local Arrangements Committee, the Program Council, and Troy Rumpf for their patience and support during these very busy times.

So come to the 2007 WLA Annual Conference in our capital city!

*-Brian Greene, WLA Vice-President and the 2007 Program Council*

**2007 WLA Annual Conference  
September 12-14 in Cheyenne  
Little America Hotel**

**OUR LIBRARIES,  
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**Register at [wyla.org](http://wyla.org)**

**RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!**

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(Wyoming Library Association block ends August 13)

ROOM RATES (without tax):

\$65 standard King - Single/Double

\$75 standard two queen beds - single/double

\$75 King Petite Suite - single/double

\$85 Deluxe two queen beds - single/double

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADER

As active members of WLA, you are eligible to vote for bylaws changes. This year we will vote online.

There are several reasons for this streamlined process. All active members will make these decisions, having read and given thought to any revisions. Please see the bylaws concerning this matter at [wyla.org/about.shtml](http://wyla.org/about.shtml) under "Constitution and Bylaws."

Votes will be counted and the results available when we begin opening session (and fewer trees will have died because of us). Discussion can take place on the Parapros new blog at [blog.wyla.org/parapro](http://blog.wyla.org/parapro) — sign up now and voice your concerns. Since I sent out the e-mails the on June 1 to the WILL and WYLA listservs, I've only heard positive comments about this process.

We will also vote on section bylaws updates. This effort is part of our strategic plan. By taking advantage of the electronic tools available to us in the 21st century, we offer the opportunity to increase communication in our association.

WLA must move forward and take advantage of these tools. Part of the duty I have been charged with as president is to ensure that all committees are vital and relevant, and together we are making some necessary changes. These changes will take place if membership *also* agrees that changes are necessary.

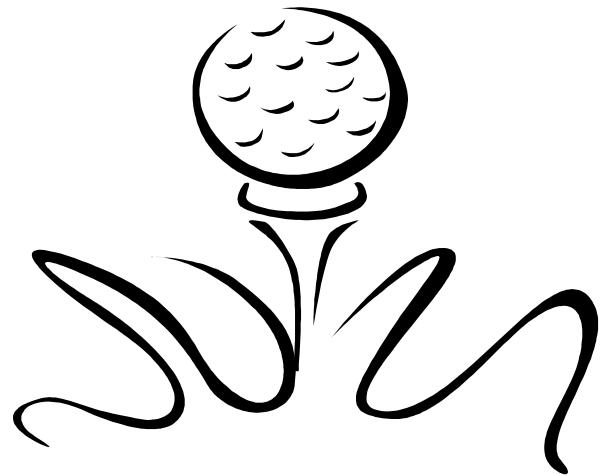
Our electronic tools can enable WLA to function as a closely knit organization and move business along more expediently. Let's get blogging and start reading those bylaws.

I'll see you on the web!

*-Ara Anderson, WLA President*

## PARAPROS ARE BLOGGING

Being the innovative section that they are, the Paraprofessionals Section instituted a blog to facilitate communication. Check it out on the Parapros web page or on most WLA pages in the "WLA News Flash" column. All WLA members can use this blog to voice thoughts, comments, and concerns. Blog on at [blog.wyla.org/parapro](http://blog.wyla.org/parapro)!



## Have Time for Putt-Putt?

Enjoy conference even more with a round of miniature golf on Wednesday, September 12, in the afternoon (time TBA).

The fun takes place at a great course - Wyoming Adventure Miniature Golf, 1530 West Lincolnway, located next to the Hitching Post Inn and the Taco John's Events Center. To play, e-mail Teresa Authier ([tauthier@lccc.wy.edu](mailto:tauthier@lccc.wy.edu)) or Chris Van Burgh ([cvanbu@state.wy.us](mailto:cvanbu@state.wy.us)). They will contact you with play times and your team.

As for "regular" golf, Little America offers a free pass to anyone registered at the hotel for conference. For details, e-mail Teresa at the address above.

## NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

EXTRA, EXTRA, read all about it! Wyoming Library Association Library Endowment fails in 2007 Legislative Session!

Why can I make light of this bad news? Because even though the Library Endowment Bill did not pass the Legislature, it is still alive and well. After the bill failed to pass the House, the WLA leadership and the Legislative Committee members immediately regrouped, rethought and rededicated themselves to the passage of this worthy endeavor that will ensure growth, stability, and sustainability for Wyoming's public library foundations and their particular libraries.

The Committee will meet this summer with WLA Lobbyist Marian Schulz to formulate a plan for the 2008 Legislative Session. This will be the third attempt...each try brings us closer to the accomplishment of our goal.

The WLA is also totally supportive of the pursuit of state funding for collections of the University of Wyoming libraries and other college libraries. Financial support for these types of libraries and the Library Endowment will be put forward as a suite of funding opportunities to 2008 legislators.

Our strength lies in our complete support of all legislative initiatives that will benefit some or all Wyoming libraries.

*-Cynthia Twing, Committee Chair*

# WYOMING BOOK FESTIVAL 2007

Be sure to make plans to stay in Cheyenne after WLA for the Wyoming Book Festival. The festivities open to the public are held on Saturday, September 15, 10AM-3:30PM.

It will be a day of Wyoming celebrating readers and writers, with authors giving presentations in tents on the capitol grounds, panel discussions at the Plains Hotel, children's authors and programs at the new Laramie County Library, and free movies at the Lincoln Theater.

We have more than 60 confirmed authors, from Will Hobbs to Ron Franscell. To see the complete list, go to [wyomingbookfestival.org](http://wyomingbookfestival.org). All WLA conference attendees are also invited to the Laramie County Library after hours on Friday, September 14, for a 'behind the scenes' tour and schmoozing with the authors.

We hope to see you there, and if you would like to volunteer, we have several different opportunities available. We are looking for storytellers in the children's activities tent, tent monitors, author escorts and more! The volunteer form is available at [wyomingbookfestival.org/VolunteerApplication.pdf](http://wyomingbookfestival.org/VolunteerApplication.pdf)

-Tina Lackey, Wyoming Book Festival

## THE WINNERS ARE...

Suzi Worthen, of the Lyman Branch of the Uinta County Library System, won an ALA Best of Show award in the Adult/Family Reading Materials category (libraries with budgets under \$500,000). She won for a brochure created for the Lyman book discussion group. Her brochure was one of 400 entries submitted from libraries throughout the nation.

Fort Washakie School/Community Library has won the 2007 "Giant Step Award" given by School Library Journal and Thompson Gale Publishing. "Giant Step recognizes a school and public library that has significantly improved its programs or services and greatly impacted student learning and achievement."

At the American Library Association Annual Conference, the Wyoming State Library was one of seven libraries receiving the John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award citation and a \$3,000 check. Tina Lackey and Lesley Boughton received the award and check on behalf of the State Library.

The Laramie County Library System received a Department of Family Services grant for \$14,311 for its daycare outreach program. Additionally, LCLS was recently notified that it is one of only 20 libraries nationwide that will host the new ALA exhibit, *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*.

Congratulations to all the winners!

## HOSPITALITY SUITE BOOK SWAP

Planning on attending this year's WLA conference in Cheyenne? Have books, magazines or catalogs you would like to share? Bring 'em along! The Local Arrangements Committee will host a hospitality suite at Little America ... when you have a break at conference, make your way toward rest and refreshment. Get together with friends, put your legs up, play a game, solve some Sudoku, take home a different book—enjoy yourself! For details or suggestions, contact Katie Jones ([kjones@courts.state.wy.us](mailto:kjones@courts.state.wy.us), 307-777-6487).

## DON'T MISS THE NEW LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY!

WLA conference attendees will be among the first in the area to see the new Laramie County Library which will open on September 8.

Located at 2200 Pioneer Avenue, the three-story facility offers more than 100,000 square feet, with amenities such as a coffee shop, more meeting rooms, quiet study rooms, expanded book and audio-visual collections, an improved genealogy area, more public computers, extended wireless capabilities, a quiet reading room, an amazing interactive literacy area, and so much more.

Tours are possible during the conference. For details, e-mail Troy Rumpf at [trumpf@lclsonline.org](mailto:trumpf@lclsonline.org).

# WYLA.ORG

All conference materials will be posted to the website by August 3.  
Because of the book festival, there is no pre- or post-conference this year.



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## *For your consideration*

The WLA Nominations and Elections Committee presents the following five excellent candidates. On behalf of the committee, I want to thank these candidates who have volunteered to serve the Wyoming Library Association.

### **Vice-President/President-Elect**

Cynthia Twing – Johnson County Public Library

### **Recording Secretary**

Meg Martin – Wyoming State Law Library

Donna Rusk – Converse County Public Library

### **MPLA Representative**

Marcia Cheney – Campbell County Public Library

Cindy Moore – Sweetwater County Public Library

We know the Wyoming library community has great leaders; there have been six inspiring years of Wyoming Library Leadership graduates and many more WLA members who could do a fantastic job. Consider donating time to this fun and supportive organization. To learn more, visit [wyla.org/Bylaws2005.pdf](http://wyla.org/Bylaws2005.pdf) or e-mail [kjones@courts.state.wy.us](mailto:kjones@courts.state.wy.us).

*-Katie Jones, Committee Chair*

### **WLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** Current Exhibitor List

Abdo Publishing Company  
 Alexandria  
 Architectural Nexus, Inc.  
 ASI - Modulex  
 AWE/Alternative Work Environments, Inc.  
 Baker & Taylor, Inc.  
 BCR  
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