



Connect & Collaborate: 2020-2021

Welcome to the Weirdest School Year...Ever?

Across the state, Wyoming schools are back in session. School libraries and librarians have been affected in many ways, including:

- Adjusting class schedules and methods of delivering instruction and library services
- Creating and implementing COVID protocol to keep themselves and their students healthy
- Curating and sharing online resources, starting new collections of e-books, and taking advantage of free resources offered by companies and individuals for distance learning
- Learning and using new technologies on the fly

In this strange and uncertain year, we want to help you find an anchor. SLIG is a group of school library professionals around the state of Wyoming, and we can work together to support one another.

Meet your SLIG Co-Chairs



Melissa Snider

This is my 11th year as an elementary school librarian for the Teton County School District in Jackson, WY. I'm currently serving the first dual-language K-5 school in the state of Wyoming, *Munger Mountain Elementary*. I love to procrastinate, bake, hike, and READ (duh). Follow our library on Instagram:

[@mmeslibrarylobos](#) & say hey on Twitter: [@meliroowy](#)



Megan Bietz

I've been in education for 15 years and this my 11th year as a school librarian in Campbell County School District. I'm the librarian at Prairie Wind and Paintbrush Elementaries. I've been the district library coordinator for three years.

I love to travel and read. Follow me [@Wyo_LibraryLady](#)

Get Involved!

- Visit wyla.org/join-us to **become a member** of the Wyoming Library Association, and add **SLIG** as your interest group.
- Join our **Facebook** group: Wyoming School Libraries Group (SLIG) and Info. Power
- Join our e-mail **listservs**: [Wyoming Library Association](#) (All Libraries) and [SLIG](#)
- Attend our **October 9th** SLIG membership meeting at **4pm! Click the Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88593001739?pwd=bWFHV0lGRFgvcGdYb0dXL3l2aFd0UT09>

- Opportunities to serve: *please contact Melissa or Megan if you're interested in one of these positions!*
 - Join our **SLIG Leadership** team! We are currently in need of a secretary.
 - Become the **State contact** for the [Wyoming Book Awards](#) Committees (Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush, Soaring Eagle)
- Complete our [Members Survey](#) to tell us more about how SLIG can support you this year.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- **WYLA Virtual Conference, October 8-9:** [Register Here](#)
- **Wyoming Library Mentorship Program:** The LEAD Interest group will manage a state-wide mentorship program. Look for more info during WLA.

Resources

This wouldn't be a library newsletter without a list of resources, right?

- [AASL: Pandemic Resources for School Librarians](#)
- [2020 School Library Reopening Q&A](#)
- [The Digital Librarian's Survival Toolkit](#)

Wishing you all the best in this unique year.

If there is anything you need from us, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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Stay tuned for more updates soon.