

WLA Sections

Academic & Special Libraries Section

- Promotes the profession of librarianship within Wyoming's academic & special libraries.
- Promotes the continued improvement of Wyoming's academic & special libraries.
- Supports Wyoming academic & special librarians in their professional roles.

Children's and Young Adult Section

- Promotes children's and young adult services within Wyoming's libraries.
- Promotes the continued improvement of children's and young adult literature and programming within Wyoming's libraries.

Government Information Section

- Provides a forum for discussion of government information issues. This includes all levels of government, from local, to state, to federal, to international.
- Develops strategies for the identification, location, access, use and preservation of all levels of government information, in all formats.

Paraprofessional Section

- Promotes the profession of librarianship for Wyoming's paraprofessionals.
- Supports Wyoming library paraprofessionals in their roles.

Public/Trustee Section

- Promotes library services within Wyoming's public libraries.
- Promotes the profession of librarianship within Wyoming's public libraries.
- Promotes the continued improvement of Wyoming's public libraries.

School Library Media Personnel

- Promotes library services within Wyoming's school libraries.
- Promotes the profession of librarianship within Wyoming's school libraries.
- Promotes the continued improvement of Wyoming's school libraries.

Professional Development

- **WLA Conferences**
- **Section Meetings & Workshops**
- **Leadership Opportunities**
- **Nora Van Burgh Grants**

Requirement for grant application: The applicant must have been a member of the Wyoming Library Association for two years, be a resident of Wyoming, and be employed in a Wyoming library.

Individuals may apply for grants for continuing education activities, workshops, seminars, exchanges, and conferences, as well as for appropriate college and university courses which can be shown to relate directly to one's effectiveness in a library position. Grants for organization conventions are specifically excluded, although pre- or post-conference activities may qualify.

Grant application forms are available in the WLA Newsletter, the WLA Directory, and on the WLA Web Page.

To find out more about the Wyoming Library Association, check out our web site.

www.wyla.org/

Or write to

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What is the Wyoming Library Association



A quick guide for those interested in becoming members of the organization

Committees

Purposes of the Association:

- To promote library service in Wyoming;
- To promote the profession of librarianship in Wyoming;
- To promote the continued improvement of Wyoming libraries;
- To support Wyoming librarians in their professional roles;
- To promote the participation of Wyoming librarians and libraries in regional, national and global library arenas.

The Wyoming Library Association subscribes to these tenets:

- Equitable Access to Information in Various Formats with the Highest Priority Being Free Services
- Intellectual Freedom
- Information Literacy Skills
- Value of Literacy
- Life-long Enjoyment of Learning
- Resource Sharing
- Patron Privacy
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Libraries Are Valuable Community Forums

It is the vision of the Wyoming Library Association that:

The educational, cultural, and economic conditions of the State will be advanced through greater use of libraries and an enhanced awareness of the vital role libraries fulfill in society.

It is the mission of the Wyoming Library Association:

To provide leadership and to serve as a collective voice and advocate for advancement of Wyoming libraries, to educate the library community and users about contemporary library services, issues and technology, to provide members with a network for interaction on professional and social levels, and to promote the profession of librarianship and participation of Wyoming libraries in regional, national and global library arenas.

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Awards/Grants

Promotes the profession of librarianship by acknowledging outstanding contributions made by WLA's members to their field;

Selects those individuals, nominated by their peers, for WLA awards;

Coordinates & presents awards at the annual WLA conference.

Communications

Promotes public & community relations within Wyoming libraries;

Promotes the continued improvement of Wyoming libraries through topical discussions of those issues which may affect public relations within Wyoming libraries;

Promotes the participation of Wyoming librarians & libraries in regional, national & global library arenas.

Constitution & Bylaws

Promotes library services within Wyoming by creating & implementing WLA policies and procedures.

Electronic Communications (ad hoc)

Promotes library services within Wyoming by establishing effective lines of communication;

Promotes the continued improvement of Wyoming libraries through topical discussions of those issues which may affect Wyoming Libraries.

Financial Audit

Promotes fiscal responsibility within the Wyoming Library Association.

Intellectual Freedom

Promotes library services within Wyoming by establishing effective lines of communication regarding intellectual freedom & censorship issues.

Legislative

Promotes library services within Wyoming by establishing effective lines of communication with legislative representatives;

Promotes continued improvement of Wyoming libraries through topical discussions of those issues which may affect Wyoming libraries.

Membership

Promotes the profession of librarianship by seeking membership from librarians residing within the state of Wyoming.

Mentoring

Connects new members and veteran members to promote participation in functions of the association;

Encourages members' involvement in the association by providing support & guidance for those accepting or considering leadership roles;

Provides guidance & information for those interested in continuing education;

Promotes information sharing from library to library; person to person.

Nominations and Elections

Promotes the profession of librarianship by coordinating nominating efforts by Wyoming librarians for their peers, to serve as representatives for regional & national library organizations;

Verifies the eligibility of each candidate through the executive secretary & reports its nominations to the president six months before the annual meeting.

Program Council

Promotes the profession of librarianship by organizing WLA's annual conference;

Maintains an open line of communication with all other WLA committees to promote the annual conference.

Revenue

Identifies possible & potential sources or mechanisms to increase operational & special revenues for the Association.

Indian Paintbrush (Grades 4-6)

Monitors student nomination & selection of titles for Wyoming's annual "Indian Paintbrush Award";

Provides ballots to Wyoming public & school libraries for student voting.

Soaring Eagle (Grades 7-12)

Monitors student nomination & selection of titles for Wyoming's annual "Soaring Eagle Award";

Provides ballots to Wyoming public & school libraries for student voting.

Wyoming Buckaroo (Grades K-3)

Monitors student nomination & selection of titles for Wyoming's annual "Buckaroo Award";

Provides ballots to Wyoming public & school libraries for student voting.