

SSLMP Report October 2005

The SSLMP Spring meeting was April 22nd-23rd in Thermopolis, WY. This was a joint spring meeting with the Children's/YA section. On Friday evening our program was Thermopolis native, Dr. Frank Manning, author of Fire Engines and Cherry Blossoms. Saturday morning's presentation was an introduction to Project Wild conducted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. They brought along several of their traveling trunks that are available for checkout. Saturday afternoon, the SSLMP had a brief business meeting and those minutes are posted on the web.

Update on library certification - Jan Segerstrom (SSLMP chair-elect) taught Administration of the School Library Media Center at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in Casper June 20-23, July 18-21 + 5 project hours. In September, the effort to re-establish a University of Wyoming program for those wishing to become certified Library Media Specialist was dashed when the University decided to drop the program once again. This leaves people interested in becoming certified in library media with the options of building a portfolio and getting it through the PTSB (which is cumbersome) or by spending their money out of state by either completing the program online from another institution or moving out of state to complete a program in the traditional on-campus program.

Update on the proposed non-fiction Wyoming book award. This was discussed during the joint meeting and the consensus was to suggest that each book award committee encourage more nonfiction titles be nominated for the existing awards rather than starting a separate award at this time. Cheryl Confer made a motion that those interested in modifications to current book awards meet at time and place to be announced during WLA, seconded by Mary Lou Bowles-Banks, and the motion carried. One of the items that our section hopes to bring to the WLA 2006 conference is the Leadership/Collaboration Institute. Nominations for chair-elect will be taken from the floor during our fall meeting.

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