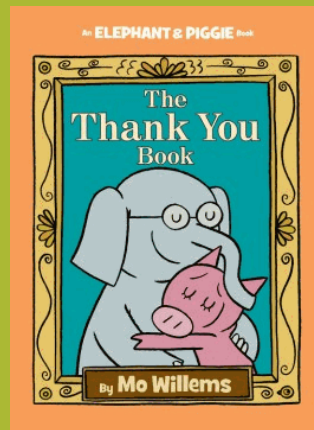
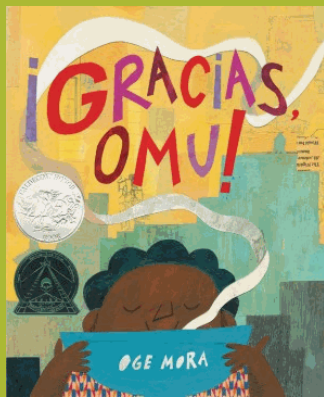
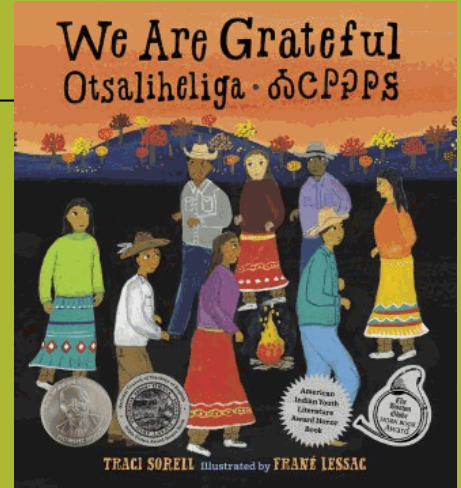
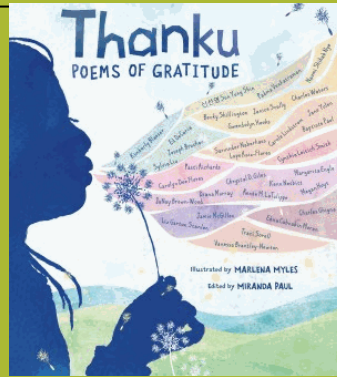
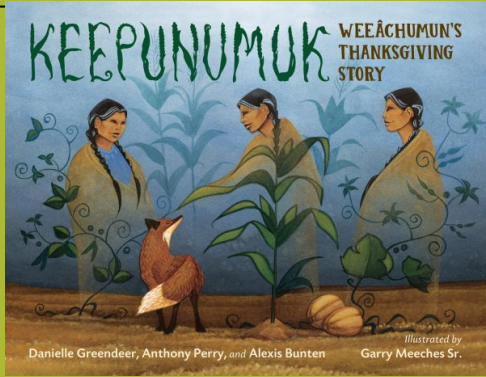




WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOOL LIBRARY INTEREST GROUP NEWS

November 2022



What are your favorite November read alouds?

STRONGER TOGETHER: GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY

by Melissa Snider, SLIG Co-chair

In late October, the Wyoming Library Association hosted its first in-person conference in 3 years. Rooms rang with voices of colleagues catching up with people they'd only ever met or seen recently on Zoom calls.

As a member of the program sub-committee for the WLA Conference, I have an inkling of the amount of work that goes into planning and pulling off this event. It's a massive effort, and I want to say **thank you** again to all who ensured its success.

It was a joy to gather with other school library professionals from across the state to reconnect and remember: **we do not do this work alone.** This was most evident during our final workshop with AASL President, Kathy Lester. Kathy's presentation about advocacy for school libraries was attended not just by school librarians, but also academic, state and public librarians. The more coalitions we form, the stronger our collective voice becomes.

Being a librarian of any kind right now may not feel easy, but at least we're in it together. This month, I'm grateful for our Wyoming Library Community.

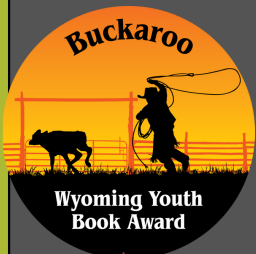
MATERIALS CHALLENGES CONTINUE IN WYOMING LIBRARIES

This month's midterm elections carried new members to positions of power in state and local legislatures, as well as school and library boards. It's critical for librarians and educators to be aware of the people who are making policy decisions in their counties and districts; and to form positive relationships with them whenever possible. While we actively seek to advocate and educate our communities about our collections and services, we also prepare for adversity.

All districts should have policies to guide the selection of materials for your school libraries, as well as a procedures to follow if your district experiences a challenge or request for reconsideration of a book in your library's collection. We have begun collecting policies from around the state to help those without policies respond to these requests as they arise.

SLIG can support your school library as you navigate challenges your district may experience. We recommend using a personal e-mail address to reach out to **wyoslig@gmail.com** to report the challenge and request support. Additionally, report the challenge to the ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom, and access more support resources on their website.

This crowdsourced document, curated by School Library Professionals, is another place to find resources: <http://bit.ly/3tss2s8>



WY STATE BOOK AWARDS

It's time to promote our state book awards to students and staff! Visit <https://wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards> to find posters, book lists, checklists, and more resources to help you promote the titles for the Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush and Soaring Eagle awards.



The committees will begin accepting nominations for next year's list in December, 2022. Watch for the form!

The awards are co-sponsored by the Wyoming Library Association & Wyoming State Literacy Association.

CALENDAR



**SLIG Zoom! 4-5 p.m.
Friday, November 18th**

This month's discussion will focus on how results of local elections could impact your districts' libraries.

Register: <https://bit.ly/sligzoom> to receive the link, or e-mail wyoslig@gmail.com.

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