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MPLA/MLA/PNLA 2022 Tri-Conference



Tri-Conference Details:

Montana Library Association (MLA), Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA), Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA)

Dates: August 3-6, 2022 (Pre-conference sessions August 3)

Location: Downtown Holiday Inn, Missoula, Montana, USA

Highlights:

- Keynote Address from Amanda Curtis, President of Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
- Author Luncheon Speaker Caroline Patterson, author of award-winning novel *The Stone Sister*
- Over 60 speakers from 15 US states and Canada
- Pre-conference workshop from EveryLibrary, Inc.
- Montana Book Awards author event with Abe Streep, Caroline Patterson, Mara Panich, and Michael Punke
- Conference receptions at Missoula Public Library and University of Montana Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library
- Easy walking access to downtown restaurants, bars, and shopping
- Conference schedules, updates, happenings via the *Whova* app

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Vice-President/ President Elect



Vice-President/
President-Elect is
Amadee Ricketts,
Director of the
Cochise County
Library in Bisbee, AZ.

Recording Secretary



Recording Secretary is
Luise Davis. Luise is
Collection
Development Librarian
for the Douglas
County Public Library
in Minden, NV.



MPLA Innovator Award:

Stephen C. Boss, Univ. of Wyoming

The Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award:

Jerry Hudson, Greeley, CO

The Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award:

Eileen Wright,
Montana State Univ./Billings

MPLA Distinguished Service Award:

Leslie Langley, SE Oklahoma Library
System

MPLA Literary Contribution Award:

Jonis Agee, Nebraska

The awards will be presented at the
conference in Missoula.



MPLA CHEW & CHAT



Led by lively hosts Jake Rundle and Mary Soucie, the informal discussions will occur every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Mountain Plains Library Association
"Chew & Chats"
When: 4th Wednesdays of each month.
1 PM Central time
Noon Mountain
11 am Pacific

Register in advance for this meeting at
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuc-6sqT0iGtbqUkVclDcjtIzmJuvf87D1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings. Feel free to forward this information to others interested in MPLA.



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Membership Advantages



Continuing education opportunities including conferences, workshops and special seminars.

First year Personal membership dues are half price!

Joint annual conferences with member states providing a marketplace of ideas where individuals can share their experience and talent with other librarians.

MPLA Awards recognize outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services.

Opportunity for members to contribute to the profession.

Professional Development Grants for course work, institutes and workshops.

Information exchange and educational programs about technological developments and innovative library programming undertaken by MPLA libraries.

AND MORE!

MPLA bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances are so great, each librarian, staff member and library is a vital resource.

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Grocery Rewards—King Soopers/Kroger

There are no longer grocery gift cards linked to MPLA. Instead, you can link your loyalty card to our MPLA Community Awards Program account. To do so: Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

Once logged into your King Soopers/Kroger account, search for Mountain Plains Library Association by name or our account: KK820. Then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card. If you previously purchased grocery cards they may still be used and reloaded but they will no longer provide rebates for MPLA.

Instead, there is a quarterly designated funding amount which is shared by all Community Rewards organizations. Amounts are determined by the percentage of purchases by each organization.

If you are in an area with Kroger stores this is an easy way to support MPLA!

King Soopers/Krogers COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

Link your loyalty card to MPLA to continue raising funds for MPLA's professional development, leadership, and educational programs!

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- Jayc
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- Littman & Barclay Jewelers
- Loaf and Jug

Around the Region

AZ ARIZONA CO COLORADO

Small Libraries Receive grants

The Arizona Library Association received a grant of \$1,242,300 in June, to support summer reading programs at 10 small and rural libraries. The grant was part of the AZ On Track Summer Camp Program, administered by the Arizona Governor's Office. This was the first grant cycle to include public libraries, and the first time AzLA has facilitated subgrants of this kind. Read more in the [White Mountain Independent](#).



MPLA Archives

Denver Public Library has deaccessioned the MPLA Archives, which are now being temporarily housed at the University of Northern Colorado's J. A. Michener Library. Dean of University Libraries, Jennifer Nutefall, agreed to allow MPLA space and resources for weeding and organizational work in anticipation of the next step towards digitizing these physical materials. Eventually these files, in digital format, will be folded into the Association's online repository, making nearly all records publicly searchable and available to members, scholars, and the general public. Questions about the project should be directed to Annie.Epperson@unco.edu.

Library and Communications



partnership offers free WiFi hotspots

The Pima County Public Library, based in Tucson, has partnered with Cox Communications to install 70 free wifi access points in rural and urban areas across the county. Fifty additional access points are set for installation by the end of the summer, the \$720,448 cost to the library system will be reimbursed through the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund. More information about the program is available on [KGUN-9](#).

ASU Library Data Science Conference

The Arizona State University Library hosted a unique data science conference in June, welcoming more than 50 virtual attendees from a wide range of academic institutions. Participants came together to consider a central question: What does a library perspective mean to data science?



Data science uses techniques including data analytics, machine learning, network analysis, visual storytelling, and text and data mining, which can add value in fields from engineering and math to social sciences and the arts. Read more about the conference, and learn more about ASU's Data Science and Analytics unit, [here](#).



Annie and team will be presenting on the archives at the Tri-Conference: Weeding, Digitizing, Archiving, O My! An association-level approach to decluttering and making sense of our past to serve the future.



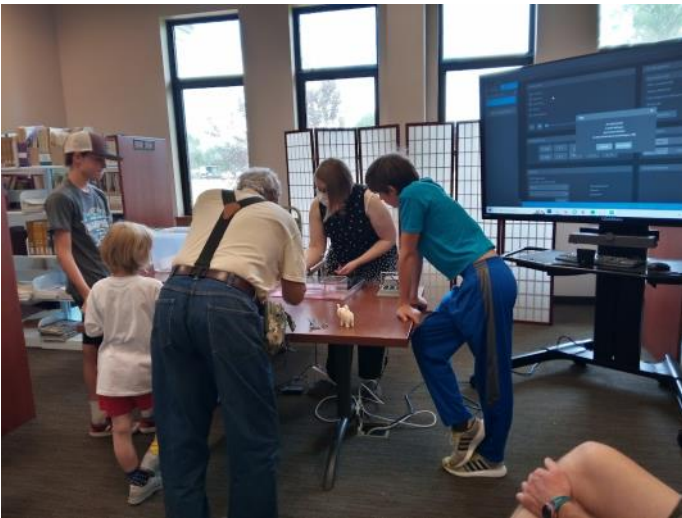
Alamosa Public Library 3-D Bash!

Submitted by: Maria Kramer

On June 18, we opened our 3D printer for public use - with a bash! The all-day open house included:

- Demonstration of the 3D printer with question and answer time.
- Activity table with 3D printed fossil and artifact replicas.
- Cubelets modular robots.
- Ice cream made with liquid nitrogen.

38 people came over the course of the day to explore, experiment and learn.



Cathy Zverev demonstrates the 3D printer.



Experimenting with Cubelets.



Marc Straub of Cool Science helps a young patron make Dippin Dots with liquid nitrogen. Marc's table was a favorite of participants!

Johnson County Library welcomes new county librarian

Male and female county librarians in suits stand side by side. Tricia Suellentrop (left) has been announced as the Johnson County Library's new county librarian. She succeeds Sean Casserley (right), who served in the role for the past decade.



Suellentrop succeeds Sean Casserley who announced his retirement earlier this year after a decade at the helm of one of Kansas' largest public library systems.

Suellentrop brings a wealth of experience to the position, having served as the deputy county librarian since 2008. As deputy county librarian, Suellentrop helped lead the Library through budget reductions during the 2008 Great Recession and worked to develop and implement Library strategic plans. As part of her work in youth and teen services, she planned and developed programming and services across the Library system.

In 2005, Suellentrop was recognized as one of Library Journal's Movers and Shakers for her work serving teens in the juvenile justice system. She is the co-author of "Connecting Young Adults and Libraries," a manual to help public and school libraries serve teen populations in their communities.

When she assumes the role of county librarian, Suellentrop is interested in maintaining the Library's reputation as a top service in Johnson County. In the 2022 Community Survey, in which Johnson County residents were asked to rate their satisfaction with County services, 88% of respondents said they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with Library services, putting it at number two among all County departments and agencies.

Suellentrop attributes that success to diverse, knowledgeable employees and a supportive internal culture, which is described by staff as creative, positive and welcoming.

As for Casserley, during his tenure at Johnson County Library, Casserley oversaw the creation of and significant progress on the Comprehensive Library Master Plan, a framework established in 2015 to guide the organization's sustainable growth of services, operations and facilities over a 20-year period.

"Johnson County is an exceptional community of readers and learners who value knowledge," said Casserley. "It has been a privilege to serve in this position over the last decade, and to work alongside such gifted, dedicated Library staff and volunteers."

Upon his retirement Casserley plans to stay in the Kansas City area. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Susie, traveling, and making progress on his reading list.

Olathe Public Library Hosts Community Craft Swap

The Olathe Public Library hosted a craft swap at its Indian Creek branch in March. The event, titled Swap Your Stuff: Craft Edition, was held on a Saturday and brought in over 200 attendees. Craft items in good condition could be dropped off at the library during open hours the week prior to the event. Anyone who donated supplies was given a ticket for entrance to an early bird “shopping” time. After the early bird hour, items were available for anyone to take at no cost. Any items left over were used for library programming or donated to ScrapsKC. There are plans to repeat this event in December for Swap Your Stuff: Holiday Décor. If you would like more information on implementing this program at your library, feel free to reach out to Monica Sanchez, msanchez@olathelibrary.org



(Attendees shopping for craft items)

(Attendees perusing items on tables)



Submitted by Monica Sanchez, Adult Programming, Olathe Public Library

Montana Librarian Recognized Nationally

A Billings middle school librarian is one of [50 exceptional teachers](#) honored at Disney World. Riverside Middle School librarian Karry Woodard was chosen by Disney for teaching she did in fall 2021. "This was an interesting year where we were coming back with masks still," Woodard said. "And we were having students who were really struggling connecting with each other and with staff, so I thought, there has to be a lesson we can do that will foster community."

Woodard decided to put a tipi in the library and do several lessons with it. The first lesson was taught by a couple of Riverside Middle School students: "They heard a video that was given by two of our students here at Riverside, two of our American Indian students, who explained all of the etiquette that American Indians follow as they are entering a tipi, while they are inside a tipi and as they are exiting the tipi."

Woodard said students learned about differences between tipis today versus the tipis of the past. Finally, students created honor rocks to place around the tipi. Students painted the name of someone they honored on their rocks. Woodard said the activities created a lot of good discussion and connection.

Funds help refresh Ronan Middle School library

The Ronan Middle School Library was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. "It was pretty exciting," said RMS librarian Amy Miller.

The library grant was awarded to 300 schools throughout the country with the goal of encouraging all students to develop a love of reading and learning. According to the Laura Bush Foundation website, since its inception in 2002, it has awarded more than \$19.5 million to over 3,300 schools throughout the U.S.

Miller learned about the application period for the grant through a librarian Facebook group she belongs to and decided to take a chance and apply. While she's done a lot of work keeping the middle school library up-to-date through the years, she said

there are certain sections that need more work than others. When the letter came through that they had won, it opened up the possibility for a lot of improvement.

The nonfiction section, Miller said, is the primary focus for the grant funds. Apparently much of the out-of-date book weeding has impacted that section, with many volumes about science, engineering, natural sciences, and other STEM-related topics, no longer accurate.

Another difficulty the library has faced is their lack of books about modern technology. Miller said they have several books about vehicles, but lack information about things like drones, clean energy and computer science.

"This grant money will go a long way towards helping us refresh that section and bring in newer books that are appealing to the kids to get them excited about STEM-related topics, but also to cover STEM from diverse perspectives," Miller explained.

Some of the funds have also been earmarked to put together a good collection of culture and language resources for all of Montana's federally recognized tribes, Miller said. While the school's budget does have some funds allocated specifically for Native American education, Miller said there are a lot of quality tribal publications they could use that are a little more costly. These funds will help her purchase those resources.

Overall, Miller said there is always some section in the library in need of help. "The budget is never quite enough to do everything you could do in the library. There's always going to be a section that'll get neglected while you focus on developing something else," Miller explained. While this infusion of grant funds will be a great help, the library is also always open to accepting donations of books from the community.



The grant funds will help librarian Amy Miller, pictured above, update the nonfiction section and improve coverage of modern technology.

Childhood STEM in the Library Workshop

by Tammi Thiem

The Three Rivers Library System hosted a workshop about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) for children and how librarians can add this concept to their libraries. The workshop presenters were Dr. Jane Strawhecker and Dr. Paula Thompson from the University of Nebraska in Kearney. The workshop was held at the Central Community College in Columbus.

The workshop was a great success! Nearly 30 attendees were able to experiment with hands-on games, kits, and supplies so they could really explore how things worked. They created bridges strong enough for 21 elephants to walk across. There were a variety of kits to try out. At the end of the workshop, each library received a Code and Go Robot Mouse Activity Set and the choice of one of the other kits.



Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act were used to provide this educational opportunity. This project is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Holdrege Area Public Library Hosts Pollinator Program

Holdrege Area Public Library partnered with Nebraska Public Media, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the University of Nebraska Lincoln Bee Lab for programming inspired by My Garden of a Thousand Bees, the 40th season-premiere episode of Nature on PBS to Celebrate Nebraska Pollinators. Guest Speaker Betty Sayers of Holdrege, beekeeper and owner of Buzz Savories, talked about the importance of pollinators, beekeeping and what she creates with the honey. Wildflower seed packets and resource guides were handed out as well.



Photos courtesy of Sierra Burrows, Head of Circulation and Reference at the Holdrege Area Public Library.

Capital Improvements in Lyon County

The Lyon County [Nevada] Board of County Commissioners approved a capital improvement request for the Silver-Stage Branch Library in Silver Springs to replace the existing concrete entry pad with a wrap-around walkway, a large patio area in front of the building, and two handicapped parking spaces. The work was completed in the middle of April. This new entry way has provided a much needed facelift for the 34 year old library in rural northern Nevada. Patrons of all ages have expressed appreciation for the improvements and have commented on the new, more welcoming façade. Moreover, the new patio provides additional space for programs and gatherings. Several Summer Reading programs have utilized this outside area for STEM activities, and a new program, outdoor movie nights, is coming soon.



Tim DeGhelder New Library Director at Douglas County Public Library

Douglas County Public Library, NV, is pleased to welcome Tim DeGhelder as the new Library Director. He began his new role June 13, 2022.



DeGhelder comes to Douglas County from Paris, TX where he was also the Library Director. His career includes management of Library operations in a variety of capacities not only in Paris, TX, but also in St. Charles City-County Library District, just outside of St. Louis, MO, where he worked nearly 22 years.



Prior to his role in Paris, TX, DeGhelder spent several years teaching English in Thailand. “Experiencing the Thai culture and scenic geography was amazing. Thai people have a truly beautiful

spirit and lovely culture. My wife and kids are coming straight from Thailand and have never touched snow before. I think they will love having four seasons in the beautiful scenery of Douglas County.”

The Library Board Chairperson Heather Martin Maier had this to say about the recruitment and Mr. DeGhelder’s selection, “On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, this was a very thorough and competitive search, and we are delighted to welcome Mr. DeGhelder to Douglas County where he will undoubtedly be a great asset to our library and our community.”

“It is an honor to be selected as the next Douglas County Library Director and I am enthusiastic about making the Douglas County Public Library a part of the daily lifestyle for Douglas County residents,” said DeGhelder. “I look forward to partnering with Douglas County community partners to provide greater outreach and services to the County and creating a place where everyone can enjoy their library.”

CULLS welcomes new OER librarian Jennifer Schaller

The College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences welcomes Jennifer Schaller, assistant professor and Open Educational resources (OER) Librarian.



“I love Open Educational Resources, and I am grateful and also awed by the opportunity to help New Mexico students afford college,” said Schaller. “I’m excited to work in the library at UNM, as I am an alum of the university, so it feels like I am coming home after a long time away.”

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Librarian position was created as part of the CULLS OER Initiative. The OER initiative seeks to provide UNM faculty members with the support they need to adopt low and no-cost textbooks and class material solutions for their courses when it aligns with their instructional objectives and academic freedom. When possible, the UL would like to partner with other higher education institutions and the State of New Mexico to identify resources and support for faculty initiatives in this area.

“I am excited that I have the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in Open Educational Resources. This field is constantly changing and growing, so I love having time to keep abreast of developments,” said Schaller.

Prior to working at UNM, Schaller worked as an English professor at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) where she also served as a Presidential Fellow for OER in 2017-2018. Schaller received both her Master in Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Bachelor of Arts in English and Journalism & Mass Communications from the University of New Mexico.

Summer Reading Programs Inspire!

by Kelly McCabe

There are exciting things happening in our New Mexico public libraries for Summer Reading! I have been loving getting into our libraries to meet youth services staff, enjoy summer programming, and marvel at the amazing décor. Carmelita Aragon and I visited the Town of Bernalillo Public Library and the Corrales Community Library for Oceans of Possibilities themed SRP programs – sea animal painting in Bernalillo and Paint your Own Pirate Flag in Corrales.



Young patrons at Corrales Community Library excitedly make their own Pirate Flag!



Printing custom bookmarks at Vista Grande Public Library.



Town of Bernalillo Public Library patrons added colorful details to ocean animals.



A BLM presenter taught Santa Fe Public Library patrons about the Western Interior Sea that once covered New Mexico.

Children's Department Remodel

People may see a renovation in the Minot Public Library that will fulfill a need in the community as soon as next summer. A portion of the Children's Library in the Minot Public Library is set to be remodeled after more than two decades.

The proposed changes include a soundproof room with glass windows, a place for parents to sit, and a climbing tree. Janet Anderson, the library director, says the goal is to provide families with a safe space to go. "Families today need a place where they can come to that is quiet, and safe, and also some options that are free," said Anderson. "We know that the pressure to come in and buy something can sometimes keep people from going to certain locations where they might otherwise enjoy."

The Minot Public Library Board has requested the city council approve their architect firm for the remodel.



Bismarck Human Relations Committee Annual Humanitarian Award

The City of Bismarck's Human Relations Committee awarded the "2021 Humanitarian Award" to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual, organization, or non-profit entity that has demonstrated leadership in the area of human rights. The Bismarck Human Relations Committee recognized the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Library Administrators Christine Kujawa and Elizabeth Jacobs at the June 14, 2022, Board of City Commissioners meeting.

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library nomination is for its many services and welcoming atmosphere available to our community and residents. The Library provides equal service and a safe gathering space for the citizens of Bismarck/Burleigh County regardless of social standing, race, color, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or mental or physical disability. Additionally, the Library Board of Trustees recently approved a new section in the Library's Public Service Policy titled Youth Anti-Bullying Prevention. This policy "aims to protect the dignity and safety of youth served by the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Bullying, harassment, and intimidation in all youth-serving Library services, activities, programs, and facilities are prohibited." Kevin Tengesdal, a Bismarck resident, nominated the Library.

The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to protect and promote the personal dignity of all Bismarck citizens and eliminate any discriminatory barriers that prevent them from reaching their full human potential.

For more information, visit www.bismarcknd.gov

Grand Forks Public Returns to Pre-2020 Programming Numbers & Traffic

A busy library is a happy library. Grand Forks Public Library is thrilled to report an uptick in program attendance and foot traffic this summer. In June, the library offered nearly 100 programs for kids, teens, and adults to enjoy during the 2022 Summer Reading Program. In addition, the library presented 10 individual camps and clubs that required pre-registration (and filled up quickly!). The momentum continues in July, with over 80 programs planned, concluding with the Summer Reading Grand Finale on August 4. As a result, weekly door counts from May to June saw a 64% increase. Daily, an average of almost 600 patrons—young and young-at-heart—visit the playground for curious minds.

OLA President speaks to school administrators about importance of school library policy

OLA President Cherity Pennington was recently invited to speak to a statewide group of school administrators about the importance of school library policy.

The Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration asked Pennington to speak about nationwide trends in book challenges during its summer learning conference in Oklahoma City. She also gave advice on responding to library challenges and reviewing selection and reconsideration policies.

"The last year has been difficult for our libraries as we face challenges to information access," Pennington said. "However, these challenges have given libraries more opportunities to form partnerships with other organizations as well as added visibility of the important role that libraries serve."

Pennington said she took the opportunity to advocate for hiring more school librarians and explained how Oklahoma supports a grow-your-own school librarian model, an opportunity that many school administrators said was unknown to them.

"Every university in Oklahoma with a school librarian master's degree program is available online," Pennington said. "With Oklahoma's State Department of Education offering up to three-year waivers to school districts that hire teachers working toward a master's degree to become a librarian, we have an opportunity to provide more Oklahoma students access to a certified school librarian."

Now more than ever, a school librarian is an essential teacher in our schools, Pennington said. She asked administrators to reach out to OLA if they need assistance in hiring school librarians or in reviewing library policy.

OLA hosts member event at OKC Dodgers Game

On May 27th 35 OLA members, along with family and friends, enjoyed good food, great company and watching America's favorite past time as they watched the OKC Dodgers take on the Reno Aces. Although the Dodgers didn't take home the win, participants had a blast watching the game and visiting with fellow librarians on the Skyline Deck.



This is one of several events put on throughout the year by OLA's Membership Engagement Committee. Check for future OLA member events in the OLA newsletter or by following OLA on social media!.

New South Dakota State Librarian

George Seamon has accepted the position as South Dakota's new State Librarian.



George has been the regional librarian of the Northwest Kansas Library System for the past 11 years. He has an excellent track record of helping local libraries and city councils make modern transformations to their services, has led strategic planning for libraries across Kansas over the last decade, and is a strong thinker and caring leader. Additionally, he has experience with budgeting, policy development, team building, advocacy with local legislators and local government, developing partnerships, and more.

George's first day as South Dakota's new State Librarian was Monday, July 25th.

Interim Director @ Karl Mundt Library

In May, MPLA member Mary Francis was named the interim Director of the Karl Mundt Library at Dakota State University after Director Jan Brue Enright retired.



Francis, the Reference & Instruction Librarian, has been a dynamic force for Dakota State since she came to the university in 2007.

She teaches students important library and research skills and helps faculty, students, and staff find research resources. What she has learned she has shared through her published works, including two books. "The Fun of Motivation" was published in 2018, and the book on Open Educational Resources (OER) was released in 2021 through the College Library Information on Policy and Practice (CLIPP) publishing program. She has also been active with the South Dakota Library Association, serving in several officer roles.

While she is sad to see Enright leave, she knows these times of transition can be opportunities to look ahead and see how the library can build on the support it provides for the growth at DSU, and to assist with where the university is going, she said.

"Beyond anything else, a library is a good place for our four Colleges to come together and take advantage of the opportunities and resources to facilitate interdisciplinary projects," she said.

Francis has a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa, and a Master of Science in Technology for Education and Training from USD. She is currently working on an Ed.D. in Adult and Higher Education Administration, also from USD.



Author Membership

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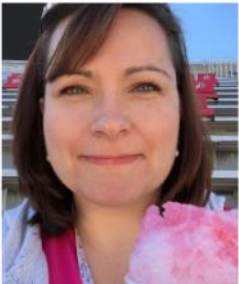


Utah Members News



Whitney Bitton, is the Springville Public Library's new Children's Librarian. She has previous experience working with children at the Orem and Springville Public Libraries. Whitney has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public/Applied History from Utah Valley University and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Emporia State University. Whitney is very organized but she has a fun side too. Whitney loves peanut butter M&Ms, rose gold pens, antique paper, and library themed accoutrements!

Julie Heckert, Orem Public Library, recently graduated with an MLIS from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. Julie has been an employee of Orem Public Library for 28 years and has extensive reference and collection development experience. She has volunteered with the Children's Literature Association of Utah and is currently the board chair of ULA's Paraprofessional Certificate Program. Julie has recently accepted a position as the Associate Librarian of Digital Services at the Orem Public Library and focuses on patron service through bibliographic access and digital collections.



Nicole Lewis is the BYU Library's new Digital Metadata Librarian. She has worked in the library field for 21 years, starting at the BYU Library as a student employee. After her undergrad years, she started at Backstage Library Works, moved to the Marriott Library at the U, and returned this month to the BYU Library. Nicole received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in 2021. She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and watching her chickens do funny things.

Jeremy Myntti, started as the Associate University Librarian for Metadata and IT at the BYU Harold B. Lee Library in April 2022. Prior to joining BYU, he served in various roles at the University of Utah Marriott Library, such as Head of Digital Library Services and Interim Associate Dean for Collections and Scholarly Communication. He has been active in serving in ULA, ALA, and OLAC, and will be serving as chair of ULA's Genealogy Roundtable in 2022-2023.



Katie Wegner, is the new assistant manager for the Sandy branch with Salt Lake County. ULA's Intellectual Freedom CoChair is a passionate librarian, leader, avid reader, and lifelong learner experienced in team management and community engagement. Skilled in team building, staff development, branding, and providing dynamic patron experiences. Interested in accessibility, inclusion, digital literacy, professional development, and intellectual freedom.

Wyoming State Library Launches GOWYLD Marketing Campaign

From June 6 through the end of November, the Wyoming State Library will promote a new marketing campaign, "Get Out There and GoWYLD," showcasing many of GoWYLD's most useful resources. In addition to more traditional marketing methods through local Wyoming libraries, the State Library will run digital ads (both static and video) on social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



The GoWYLD.net website has a wealth of free online resources that Wyoming residents can unlock with their library card. This campaign was created to increase awareness and usage of GoWYLD and promote specific resources that include e-books and e-audiobooks, career training videos, research databases and interactive children's books that support early literacy.

"We hope this campaign brings more attention to the more than 120 recreational and research resources available to anyone with a Wyoming library card," said Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Librarian. "From audiobooks and e-books to car repair manuals and business plan builders, GoWYLD has something for everyone."

GoWYLD's online resources are free to every resident of Wyoming, accessible at libraries or from the comfort of home with a library card number and PIN. For more information about everything available, or to obtain a library card, contact your local library. This campaign is made possible in part through American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, LS-250246-OLS-21.

Michelle Humber Named New Sublette County Library Director

Michelle Humber has taken the lead role at Sublette County Library as Director, effective July 1. For the past year, she has served as the library's Assistant Director.

"I've been interested in leadership for some time now and am ready for this new challenge," Michelle said. "I look forward to finding a good balance between serving the community in various ways, staying true to library ethics, and managing and encouraging an engaged and satisfied staff."



Originally from Georgia, Michelle first visited Sublette County in 1997 with her parents when she was fifteen for a horseback trip with an outfitting service in the Wind River Mountains. "I fell in love with the area," she said. During her summers in college, she worked for the same outfitter.

She graduated from Montana State University in 2005 with a bachelor's in English and a high school English teaching certificate. Michelle moved to Sublette County permanently in April of 2009 when she began working for the library part-time.

"I was planning to try to find a job teaching English, but I fell in love with the library world and felt called to serve in it." Later that year, she moved to full time employment as a library assistant where she assisted with children's services, and handled overdues, tech maintenance and other behind-the-scenes duties. She took over children's services in May of 2017 and became Assistant Director in 2021.

As she begins her directorship, she wants to continue the Sublette County Library legacy of making their libraries welcoming, community hubs. She also wants to look for new ways to better serve her community and support her staff.

"Our libraries are incredibly beautiful and inviting," she said. "Our staff excels in customer service and collaboration. They're kind, incredibly helpful, and hilarious, and I feel very fortunate to work with the people in our libraries."



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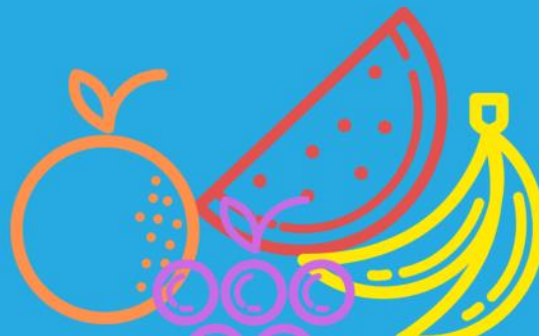
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