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Wyoming Library Association Report, October 2005  
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Laramie County Library System receives award

Laramie County Library System was one of two libraries that shared this year's \$10,000 School Library Journal/Thomson Gale Giant Step Award for public and school libraries that have done the most to make themselves indispensable to their schools or communities. LCLS shared the 2005 honors with Barnett Shoals Elementary School Media Center in Athens, Georgia.

Wyoming Libraries join Arch Coal Teacher Awards program

Wyoming's libraries will become a partner in the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program in the coming school year. The recognition program asks the public to nominate teachers either by mail or over the Internet. Each year, 10 recipients a \$2,500 personal, unrestricted cash award. "Teachers have long been 'partners' with libraries," said State Librarian Lesley Boughton. "We are pleased to be a part of this program." Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs approximately 900 people in Wyoming.

Rulon Gardner signs autobiography in Casper

World-renowned wrestler and Wyoming native Gardner recently released his autobiography, *Never Stop Pushing*. At Natrona County Public Library on September 8, sponsored by Ralph's Books and Cards.

Gardner shot to fame after winning the Gold Medal at the 2000 Olympics by besting the undefeated Greco-Roman Wrestling favorite Alexander Karelin. In 2001, he was named World Champion for Greco-Roman Wrestling.

Wyoming State Historical Society announces book winners

The Wyoming State Historical Society held its 52nd annual meeting September 9-11 in Casper and announced the following book winners in its publications categories:

- Fiction: Mark Spragg, *An Unfinished Life*
- Nonfiction: Serle L. Chapman, *Promise Bozeman's Trail to Destiny*, and Patsy Parkin, *Wyoming, Crossroad of a Continent*
- Autobiography or Biography: Candy Moulton, *Chief Joseph, Guardian of the People*
- Self-published: Eva Burton and Roberta Vaughn, *Mystery in History, Legends of Currant Creek Ranch of Sweetwater County of Wyoming*. Honorable Mention: Art Kidwell, *In the Shadow of the Beartooth, Clark, Wyoming*