

## ST-12 Wyoming Report

### Wyoming State Representative

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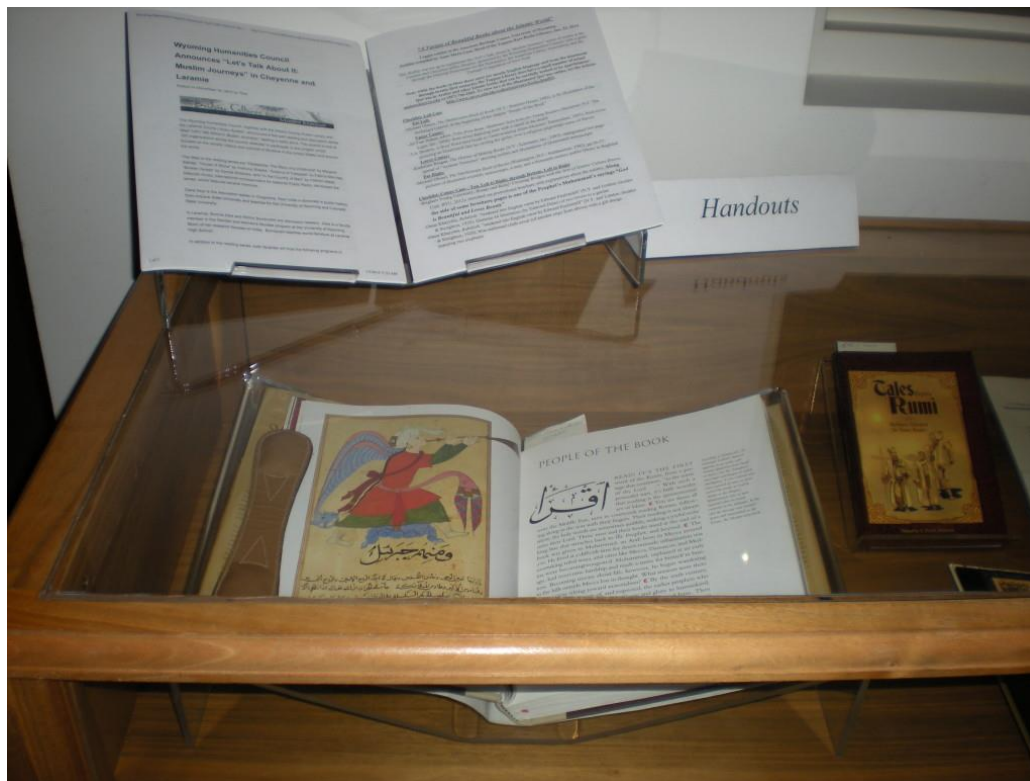
#### **MPLA Activities**

- Reviewing the reports submitted by the MPLA Committees and by the state representatives;
- Working on sending membership renewal reminders to MPLA members who needed to renew their memberships.
- Sent Wyoming news to the editor for the upcoming MPLA newsletter.
- Working with MPLA and WLA representatives to get a signed contract for the 2015 joint WLA/MPLA Conference to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 23 – 25, 2015 at the Little America Resort.
- After my term as the Wyoming MPLA Representative is over, I will be serving WLA as the 2015 WLA Conference Chair. This will allow me to continue working with my MPLA colleagues on the joint 2015 WLA/MPLA Conference in Cheyenne.

#### **Wyoming News**

- I shared the following item with the editor for the MPLA Newsletter. I thought I would share it with the Board because the topic is so interesting. The Rare Book Library at the University of Wyoming has a nice collection and it is great to see the resulting educational outreach efforts extended to audiences at some of Wyoming's Public Libraries. Please see the following page.

## University of Wyoming's Toppan Rare Books Library and the Muslim Student Association Work Together to Announce Events in Conjunction with "Muslim Journeys"



An exhibit of rare and beautiful books about the Islamic world is on display at the American Heritage Center in Laramie as part of the "Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys," program presented by the Wyoming Humanities Council.

Anne Marie Lane, curator of the Toppan Rare Books Library at the American Heritage Center, created the display. The books are mostly English-language and from the 19th through 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The selection includes an edition of the "Arabian Nights" from around 1880, and a translation of "Rubaiyat" by Omar Khayyam from 1920.

The Toppan Library also has a small number of Qur'ans in Arabic and other Islamic books that can be viewed by appointment.

Anne Marie Lane discussed Islamic influences on European bookmaking in Cheyenne at the Laramie County Library on February 24 at 6:30 pm, and will do so again in Laramie at the Albany County Public Library on April 23 at 7 pm.

"Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys" is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Local support is provided by the Wyoming Humanities Council, UW Muslim Student Association, American Heritage Center, Albany County Public Library, and the Laramie County Library System.

A full schedule of the events is listed below.

**Cheyenne:**

- Contact Jennifer Rife, 773-7218.
- February 20, 7 pm: book discussion, “Broken Verses”
- February 24, 6:30 pm: Anne Marie Lane, AHC Toppan Rare Books Library, “Islamic Influences on European Bookmaking”
- March 6, 7 pm: book discussion, “Dreams of Trespass”

**Laramie:**

- Contact Kathy Marquis, 721-2580, x 5438
- March 6, 7 pm: book discussion, “In the Country of Men”
- March 27, 7 pm: book discussion, “House of Stone”
- April 17, 7 pm: book discussion, “Broken Verses”
- April 23, 7 pm: Anne Marie Lane, AHC Toppan Rare Books Library, “Islamic Influences on European Bookmaking”
- May 8, 7 pm: “Dreams of Trespass”

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Boss