

Wyoming Report

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Stephen Boss, Wyoming Representative

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Wyoming Library Association Legislative Reception



The Wyoming Library Association hosted its annual legislative reception on Jan. 19, 2017. The purpose of the event is to thank elected representatives for their support of libraries.

This year's event was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Ave., Cheyenne. Library directors, employees, trustees, and volunteers attended and took this opportunity to meet and mingle with Wyoming state legislators and top elected officials. The reception was preceded by a 5 p.m. briefing on issues before the legislature that affected libraries.

Annual Conference - 2017

I am very pleased to report that the Wyoming Library Association will be having a conference this year after not being able to have one last year due to severe state budget cuts. This year, the conference will be in Sheridan, Wyoming at Sheridan College. The dates will be August 9 - August 11 – we are finalizing the conference program and times. This will be the main topic of discussion at a WLA Executive Board meeting set for February 22. WLA is planning on using state assets such as the facilities at Sheridan College to keep conference costs down. If people stay in college housing, they realize lower costs compared to staying in a hotel and it is a way to for the WLA organization to inject funding back into the state from the conference participants. Since the state's budget is still being hit by the downturn in the energy markets, we want to attract a number of people from throughout Wyoming and offer them a valuable conference at a cost that they can afford.

Tentative WLA Conference Schedule

AUGUST 10, 2017

10 – Noon – Registration & vendors OPEN – Registration in vendor area with snacks and beverages

12:00 – 1:15 - Noon – Kickoff luncheon w/keynote

1:15 – 1:45 – Association Annual Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 – Session 1 – 5-6 Breakouts

3:00 – 3:45 – Vendor Time – Break

3:45 – 4:30 – Session 2 – 5-6 Breakouts

4:30 – 5:30 Happy Hour – Awards Celebration – Snacks/Drinks/Announcements of winners

5:30 – Dinner on your own – Possibly a Black Tooth Brewery event option

AUGUST 11, 2017

8 – 9 – Breakfast with the vendors – bagels/muffins/juice/etc.

9:00 – 9:50 – Session 1 – 5-6 Breakouts

10:00 – 10:30 – Vendor/Basket Drawing

10:45 – 11:45 – Session 2 – 5-6 Breakouts

12:00 - Noon – Luncheon Buffet – Grab your lunch for:

Author Event or Legislative Lunch – Same Lunch – Different programs

1:30 – 2:00 – Interest Group meetings as needed

Option: Info Power in the afternoon & Saturday