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Teleconferences offered this winter

Once again the Wyoming State Library has teamed with BCR and other state libraries to bring College of DuPage teleconferences free of charge to sites around the state this winter. Two different series will be featured for a total of six different workshops. The season began with Soaring to Excellence 2004: Toolkits for Advancing your Career. The soaring eagle series is in its tenth season from the College of DuPage and offers timely practical information that can be translated into any library set. To locate a broadcast site near you click to <http://www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/wyoming/soaring.html> The teleconferences are great for new employees and front line staff.

Summer Reading Goes Statewide

At the WLA Annual Conference the Children and Young Adult section voted to join the Collaborative Summer Reading Program. The CSRP is a consortium of states that create and use a theme-based summer reading program statewide. By joining Wy gains the advantage of having more shared resources between institutions and cutting costs of materials used as summer reading incentives and publicity through group purchasing. Each state sends two librarians to an annual spring CSRP meeting to participate in future program design and glean ideas from other libraries. This gives WY a distinct advantage as a small state allowing its CYA section members an opportunity to develop leadership skills and network with others in the field.

Prior to the vote, each library system in Wyoming produced a summer reading program of their own. By combining the group energy of the CYA section toward a single theme, the CYA section can raise the level of programming for all libraries in Wyoming. This will be facilitated through the spring section meeting where libraries statewide will have a chance to share ideas and resources.

CSRP membership entitles Wyoming libraries access to promotional summer reading materials and prizes for incentives at reduced at reduced prices.

You might want to check out the CSLP site at <http://www.summerlibraryprogram.org/>

Statistics Just Got Easier

Compiling the public library annual statistical report should be easier this coming year thanks to a \$6000 grant from the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. This grant gives a great opportunity for WY libraries to explore consistent methods of mining statistical data, according to Jill Rourke, grant coordinator. Under the grant, a committee consisting of members of the WYLD office team, the Library Development Office and the public library representative will develop reporting templates to be used in capturing specific data needed for

the annual report. Workshops - either on site or via videoconference- will be conducted to assist persons who prepare the annual statistical report in understanding how to effectively use the templates. Projects related to this grant include developing an online system of submitting the annual report and skill development in mining data.

New Online calendar

The State Library is introducing a new online calendar that lists many library workshops, educational events, and training activities that may be of interest to library workers. Two features of the calendar are a link to BCR and all its workshops, and identifiable library seminars and training in contiguous states. The page also allows librarians to submit information about workshops. The calendar allows both directors and staff to look ahead and plan continuing education. The website for the Continuing Education Calendar is <http://will.state.wy.us:5630/wslce>

Around the State

Paul Piddle replaces Carol Thomas as the Glenrock Branch Manager.

Tina Lackey joined the Wyoming State Library in November as the new Publications and Marketing Manager. Before coming to WSL, she was the Public Information Officer for the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources She is excited to bring her passion for libraries to work once again, considering her first job was a library page in Gering, Neb. Since then she has worked in various marketing and public relations venues.

WSL orientations scheduled

The State Library offers quarterly orientations to its programs for staff in all types of Wyoming libraries. The orientation lasts one half day and consists of presentations by the Central Acquisitions and Business, Publications and Marketing, Information Services, Administration, Library Development and WYLD teams. These orientations will help librarians throughout the state better understand services, resources and staff at the State Library as well as learn about the numerous statewide cooperative projects.