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Happenings in the last six months:

- After months of renovation, the Sheridan College Library in the Griffith Memorial Building (GMB) is once again open for business. The improvements, funded by a million-dollar commitment from the Vernon and Rowena Griffith Foundation, include new furnishings and lighting, creating a warm, comfortable environment conducive to reading and study.
- The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is honoring the Wyoming State Legislature's Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee for its leadership in making a powerful health resource available to the state's residents. The Joint Committee was the driving force behind purchase of the Cochrane Library, an online collection of eight evidence-based medicine databases. The legislature has also funded seven other statewide databases this year.
- The Fourth Wyoming Library Leadership Institute, a program for both degreed and non-degreed library workers, was hosted in Lander this summer. Participants from all over the state and from all types of libraries had a chance to interact with their peers and develop essential leadership skills.
- Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library was the business winner for the first annual Exemplary Service Person (E.S.P.) program customer service awards in Natrona County sponsored by the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce, the Business Retention and Expansion Committee and the Wyoming Business Council. The nomination letter was a full two notebook pages long from a woman who detailed how helpful the staff was in guiding her through the research process.
- Central Wyoming College celebrated its 35th anniversary as a library and as a Federal Documents Depository with an evening reception that included speeches by state legislators Rep. David Miller and Senator Bob Peck. CWC staff took the opportunity to survey attendees about what types of documents training they could use.

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- The Wyoming Library Roundup is coming back into circulation this summer! The Roundup was published as a quarterly magazine by the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) from 1942 until 1990. The Wyoming State Library has partnered with WLA to bring back the publication. The first issue, focusing on children and libraries, will be out in late summer and features a cover interview with Lynne Cheney.
- Wyoming Library Association 2004 Conference is scheduled for Oct 13-16 [the week before CAL/MPLA] in Rock Springs and the theme is "Get Jazzed @ WLA". Sound familiar? The conference will kick off with an Author night and dessert reception on Wednesday. Thursday's keynote will be motivational speaker Jep Inck of Ft. Collins.
- WLA and the state library will embark on a statewide marketing campaign in 2005. Planning retreats will be hosted for library media folks from around the state this fall.

- Director's station, a statistical gather and information presentation tool, will debut this fall. This tool will allow WYLD network users to compile and process complex data into charts, graphs and other visual representations. The tool will also assist in data mining and comparative analysis between differing libraries and regions.
- Public and academic library directors will gather from around the state in September to discuss strategic planning and participate in a "Staffing for Results" workshop. Emphasis will be on cost analysis of services and succession planning.

Changes around the state

- Patty Myers, former director of Platte County Library, has been named director of the Campbell County Library, replacing long time director Marcia Wright, who retired earlier this year.
- Susan Vittitow has rejoined the Wyoming State Library staff as Publications Specialist/Center for the Book Coordinator.
- Julie Henion was named director of the Platte County Public Library in early May, succeeding Patty Myers who has moved to the Campbell County Library.
- Julie Eatmon has been named as Laramie County Library System's new volunteer coordinator, replacing Lynn Patterson who retired in the spring. Eatmon has worked more than three years in Youth and Outreach Services and will continue a "dual role" at the library.

Opportunities

- Laramie County Library Foundation Director, Cheyenne, WY
http://www.lclsonline.org/news_events/jobs/index.html
- Librarian K-12, Crook County School District, Hulett, WY Apply promptly; open until filled. Call to speak with the principal, John Balow. 307-467-5231.
- Director, Teton County Library, Jackson, WY <http://tclib.org/administration/director-search.html> E-mail only for additional information: elizabethshoke@mac.com
- Information Services Librarian, Sheridan County Public Library
www.sheridanwyolibrary.org/ Email: cbutler@will.state.wy.us