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A CHAT WITH THE NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

Jamie Markus was named Wyoming State Librarian in September after serving in an interim capacity since June, 2015. He has been with the State Library for 11 years, and for the seven years prior to his appointment, was the Library Development Office manager. Markus is a past president of the Wyoming Library Association (WLA), was the 2011 WLA Librarian of the Year, and was named a 2009 Library Journal Mover & Shaker. In 2014, he was honored as a White House “Champion of Change” for promoting libraries as essential partners in community outreach efforts.



Paige Bredenkamp, Chris Van Burgh,
and Jamie Markus



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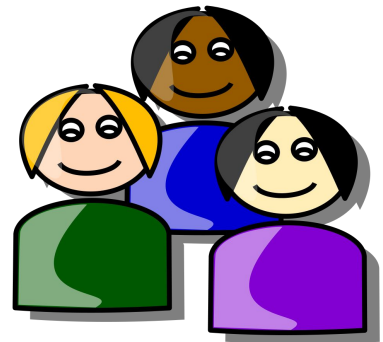
How does the State Librarian help and advocate for school libraries?

One of the first things we did when I became Interim State Librarian was to create a position here to focus specifically on school library issues. We were fortunate to find Paige Bredenkamp to fill that school library consultant position, and she's been a great advocate and resource. She and I have both been working with the Wyoming Department of Education to create conversations around school library issues. She's been actively involved with the ESSA process, and I've been working on K-12 broadband issues. We also made sure, knowing how much school libraries rely on the GoWYLD databases, that those voices were included on the shared purchases committee. I want the State Library to serve as a resource for school libraries, and part of that is making sure school librarians are at the table when decisions are being made on issues that affect them.

A CHAT WITH THE NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

What do you like best about your new job?

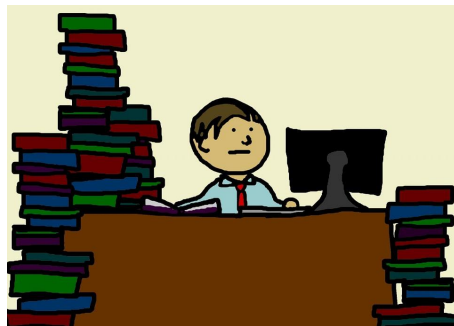
The people. There are many great, dedicated people working in Wyoming's libraries. It's gratifying to feel as if what we do here can have a positive impact out there in the state. I really enjoyed my years in the Library Development Office and was sad to leave it, but I'm looking forward to new challenges. And I'm excited to bring on Brian Greene as our new LDO manager and see the direction he leads that team in.



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What else would you like school librarians to know about the State Library and the State Librarian?

Call us! If there's one thing I always try to get across, it's to call us any time you've got a question or an issue in your library you'd like help with. Paige is available to you. I'm available to you. If we don't know the answer, we'll do our best to do a little research and find out what you need. One of our core functions here at the State Library is to support what you do, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if we can help.



PAIGE'S PAGES

ESSA News

As Wyoming proceeds with the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) implementation plan, I am continuing to connect with people at the Wyoming Department of Education regarding the Digital Learning Plan, GoOpen (Open Ed Resources) and ESSA. Around our state, school librarians are participating in the ESSA Listening Tour sessions and taking the [online survey](#) (available through December 31). Some have also signed up to be on the [ESSA Work Group](#) convening in December to review drafts of the state implementation plan.

PAIGE'S PAGES

ESSA News cont.

Right now is the time to get involved. The first draft of the plan is scheduled to be released in December, and public comment will be accepted concerning it. Let's all take this opportunity to be a part of this new education plan for the benefit of our students and our school libraries!

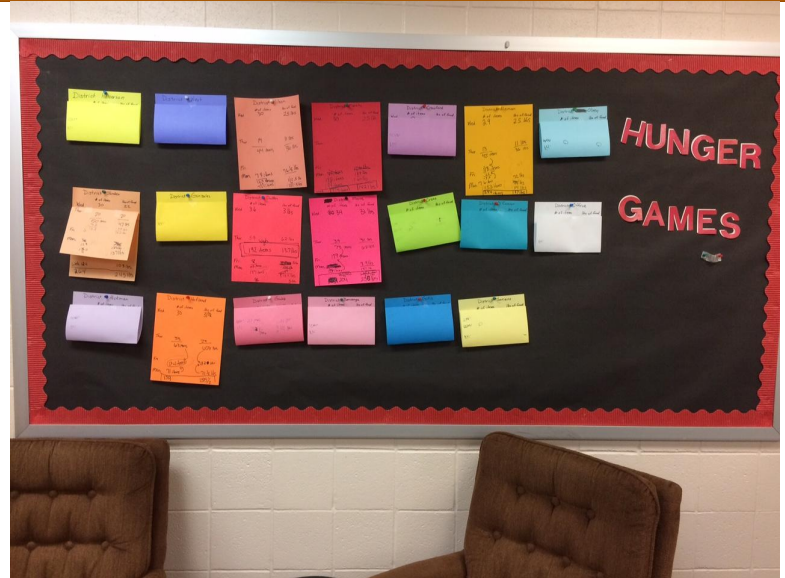
Here is a link to Wyoming Department of Education and ESSA information, as well as the schedule for the remainder of the Listening Tour: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/accountability/federal-school-accountability/>

WHAT'S UP IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES?



Kindergartners
sharing books in
the Gannett Peak
School Library in
Lander, Wyoming.

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The Sundance High School library was the hub for a Hunger Games themed food drive in November. SHS delivered 1,738 pounds of food to the Crook County Food Bank.

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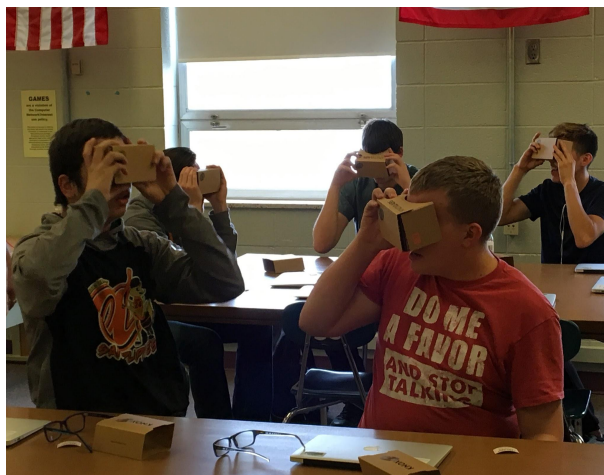
In November at Rock Springs High School, Western Wyoming Community College Professor Carla Hester-Croff and students provided workshops in the RSHS ALC on coding, MaKey MaKey, and virtual reality with Google cardboard.



WHAT'S UP IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES?



Rock Springs High School students play with MaKey MaKey and virtual reality.



Chess is also happening in the ALC!

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New Counter at CCHS South's Library

Librarian Sasha Davidson and her assistant, Debbie Bishop, painted their front counter to be more bright and appealing to Campbell County South High School students and staff.

WEBSITE LINKS TO CHECK OUT . . .

- ☐ WHO DOESN'T READ BOOKS IN AMERICA
- ☐ THE FIRST YEAR: COLLEGE READINESS
- ☐ WHY STUDENTS CAN'T GOOGLE THEIR WAY TO THE TRUTH
- ☐ SIX SAFE SEARCH ENGINES FOR KIDS



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