

**Library Funding Amendment
As per email sent to Cynthia Twing from Maggie Farrell**

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Text of Library amendment in the budget bill as enacted and sent to the Governor follows.

Thanks to all

[LIBRARIES FUNDING]

Section 321.

(a) There is appropriated ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the budget reserve account to be used exclusively for the purchase of library materials, including electronic materials and subscriptions, to be distributed as follows:

(i) Two million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000.00) to the Wyoming state library for deposit in the trust and agency account for distribution to the boards of county commissioners of each county for support of the county libraries as follows:

(A) Eighty-seven thousand eight hundred eighty dollars (\$87,880.00) to each county;

(B) Eight hundred seventy-eight thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$878,760.00) to be distributed among the counties in the proportion that the county population bears to the total state population as determined by the most recent decennial census;

(C) The funds provided in paragraph (a)(i) of this section shall not revert on June 30, 2008.

(ii) Two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000.00) to the Wyoming community college commission to be distributed on an application basis to support the community colleges' curriculum and outreach efforts. A committee of community college library personnel shall develop the application and selection criteria and make the grant awards. Each of the community college presidents shall appoint one (1) member to the committee and the president of the Wyoming community college commission shall appoint the chairman of the committee from these appointees.

(iii) Four million three hundred thousand dollars (\$4,300,000.00) to the University of Wyoming for the purchase of library materials to be eligible to reapply for admission as a member of a consortium of university libraries known as the Greater Western Library Alliance in the summer of 2008. This appropriation shall not be included in the University of Wyoming's block grant.

(b) A county, community college or the University of Wyoming shall not be eligible for the funds appropriated under this section if the county, community college or the University of Wyoming uses the funds to reduce existing funding for its library.

(c) The Wyoming state library, the Wyoming community college commission and the University of Wyoming shall each report to the joint education interim committee by October 1, 2007 regarding the use of the funds and their effectiveness in enhancing existing library services, promoting collaboration between the community colleges and the University of Wyoming in the use of library resources and improving library quality for their users. In addition, the University of Wyoming shall report on its efforts to prepare for reapplication to the Greater Western Library Alliance and identify what further actions are necessary to successfully apply for membership in the Association of Research Libraries by the summer of 2010.

