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Wyoming Foundation Community Connection

Whether experiencing quaint villages or rolling hills, gleaming waterfalls or forested nature trails, there is no denying the allure of Wyoming County. To improve the lives of its residents, the Wyoming Foundation was created in 1974 by Dr. James MacCallum. Today, it continues to serve as a trusted partner to provide deep local knowledge and a vehicle through which individuals give to causes and organizations they care about.

In addition to the work that the Wyoming Foundation does assisting generous individuals and families make a difference through their giving, each year it runs a competitive grant process where funding is distributed to support local nonprofit organizations.

Priority is given to local organizations supporting the arts and culturals, as well as those providing educational opportunities for youth which equip them for future careers. In advance of the 2022 grant cycle, the Wyoming Foundation Council learned from local healthcare providers that county youth were in need of additional supports due to conditions exacerbated by the pandemic, such as isolation, disruptions to daily life, academics, etc. Therefore, in addition to the above priorities, for its 2022 competitive grants process, the Wyoming Foundation encouraged innovative, collaborative requests that addressed youth mental health.

The awardees from the 2022 competitive grant process are listed below.

2022 Competitive Grants Cycle

Arcade Free Library

Art Adventures: \$3,275

Arts Council for Wyoming County

Wooly Wonders 2023: \$5,000

Cordelia A. Greene Library

First Friday Family Fun Nights: \$2,500

Eagle Free Library

March into the Library: \$1,335

GLOW YMCA

Wyoming County Center for Teens and Programs: \$5,000

Warsaw Historical Society

Enhancing Access to and Preservation of the Gates House Museum Collections: \$803

Wyoming Free Circulating Library

Bringing Wyoming Together!: \$4,876

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Supporting Our Local Libraries

The Wyoming Foundation has supported our county libraries since our founding over 40 years ago. Our county's libraries are an important community resource that help advance the Wyoming Foundation's goals of providing educational opportunities to youth, which equip them for future careers, and promoting arts and cultural opportunities in Wyoming County.

While the earliest libraries in the county were established in the nineteenth century, it was the period from 1880 - 1910 that saw the development of our library system as we know it today thanks to the fundraising efforts of local communities as well as the philanthropic support from individuals such as Cordelia A. Greene and Andrew Carnegie.

Today there are currently eight libraries serving the residents of Wyoming County:

- Arcade Free Library - Arcade
- Cordelia A. Greene Library - Castile
- Eagle Free Library - Eagle
- Gainesville/SilverSprings Public Library - Silver Springs
- Perry Public Library - Perry
- Stevens Memorial Library - Attica
- Warsaw Public Library - Warsaw
- Wyoming Free Circulating Library Association - Wyoming

Our libraries provide a safe harbor and place of discovery in a rural area where cultural institutions are often distances away. They not only house and offer a wealth of books, magazines, DVDs, and other reading and viewing materials, but they also provide and showcase educational and art programs, speakers, movies, for young and old to learn from and enjoy. Libraries provide meeting space for community groups to gather and are a place where students receive after school tutoring.

The Wyoming Foundation is proud to support our county's libraries.



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Featured GRANTEE *Arts for Learning Western New York*



“This funding has been incredible!” This is how Amelia Schrader, the Executive Director of Arts for Learning (formerly Young Audiences of Western New York), described the outcomes of their 2021 grant from the Wyoming Foundation.

Arts for Learning was founded in 1962 and provides arts enrichment programs to young learners throughout Western New York. A grant from the Wyoming Foundation allowed Arts for Learning Western New York to provide arts programming at the Cordelia A. Greene library in Castile and the Arcade Free Library in Arcade.

“Arts for Learning has established and grown partnerships with two Wyoming County Libraries as a result of this funding,” said Amelia. “Each workshop has been filled with multi-generational learners that are using the arts to explore their world. We are so grateful for this funding support and all it has done to expand our services in Wyoming County to deeply impact residents in the county.”