

CWC Library

Current Numbers (as of 1/5/25)

Daily Engagement - 11,901 patrons have visited the CWC Library this semester

- We saw an increase in many of our services this semester. The CWC Library has worked hard to innovate new ways to engage with students both in person and digitally.
- Results of our Fall 2024 Student Survey:
 - Out of the 111 students who answered our questions, **63 students use our resources at the physical branch, and 26 students use our online services.** We will work to figure out how to better reach the 22 students who stated they do not use our services. To that effect, we will be sending Sam Keeney, our CWC Librarian, over to Jackson, and we will visit Lander to conduct a Library Orientation with faculty and staff. It is important that staff and faculty understand what resources they have available for them and their students.
 - Our top **two reasons people are using the library in Riverton are to print and use our study rooms.** We keep track of our study room usage. **We opened up 596 study rooms this semester,** which is almost three times the usage from last semester.
 - We asked open-ended questions to get some qualitative data. Here are some of our results from the question: *How has the CWC Library helped you while attending school at Central Wyoming College?*
 - The services that are offered help greatly. **I mostly use the assistance for writing.** It is not my strongest skill so having that extra help to polish my work is amazing.
 - **Friendly staff :],** nice place to study, own space, provided food to eat in the morning.
 - The Library has been a **great place for me to study and have the resources (printer, computers)** I need to get my homework done quickly and neatly.
 - **Getting books from other libraries,** study rooms, and printing things for me.
 - When my laptop stopped working, I was able to use the computers at the library. It was very helpful. **They also had a book that I was able to check out for a class.**
 - It has **provided a quiet place for me to work on school work** and the provided computers were a resource I used a lot at the beginning of the semester when I hadn't figured my iPad out yet.
 - **Has been beneficial in helping me receive my Associate's degree and will help me in obtaining my Bachelor's also, all I have to do is ask for help.**
 - It has been a great place to study. **I use the study rooms weekly.** I also use the printer and the computers. I enjoy the little activities they do as well.
 - The CWC Library and friendly helpful staff have helped me immensely as a student. **It is an invaluable resource. I would be lost without it.** I have not only been able to check out books and media, but I have also been able to check out resources such as camera tripods, this saved me both time and money. I'm forever grateful for CWC Library and the professional staff that run it.
 - Throughout the semester our Librarian, Sam Keeney, conducts many impromptu surveys using our whiteboards. When asked what the Library needed, many students requested for the Library to be open later. We have made the decision to provide "Study Hours" starting in the Spring 2025 semester.
 - These study hours will allow our first floor to be open from 8 am-10 pm, M-Th. Students will be allowed to use our first floor as a place to study. No books will be checked out during this time.

(Last month's report numbers 10,030 patrons had visited the Library as of 11/26/24)

Material Checkout - 736 items circulated since July 1st (saving our patrons over \$67,273.05)

- This year, the CWC Library has collaborated extensively with the HiSet program on projects and grants that benefit the entire CWC student body. In May, we were awarded the Dollar General (DG) Adult Literacy Grant in the amount of \$8,000. Our eligibility for this grant stemmed from the construction of a DG store in Riverton. DG has a longstanding history of supporting literacy programs for all ages. Our grant proposal outlined the acquisition of resources such as Spanish language materials, ESL resources, financial literacy texts, Spanish healthcare publications, and entry-level reading materials to support our HiSet and ESL students. These resources will be accessible to all library patrons. A significant portion of the funds has been allocated to the purchase of eBooks, ensuring that students at our Jackson, Lander, and Wind River locations can conveniently access these materials through the CWC Library website.
- We have also seen an increase in the use of our digital library platform, **Libby**. As part of CWC Library's participation with the Wyoming Library Database (WYLD) and the State Library system our patrons have access to over 77,000 digital and audio items through Libby - essentially a library in their pocket. Last year we only had 51 users - **this year, we have 59 users so far that have read or listened to 521 books since July 1st.**

(Last month's report numbers 529 circulation = \$45,918.33 in savings)

Newsletters & Library Marketing

- Beginning in Spring 2025 Rebecca, CWC's Library Director, will be producing a monthly newsletter directed specifically for faculty and adjunct faculty. The goal of this newsletter is to spotlight specific resources available in the Library. Items such as our Databases, New Library Tools, Technology, New Books in our Academic Collection, and so much more. The first edition will be sent to faculty on Monday, January 13th during Inservice.

Student Activities

Members of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) led by Lisa Appelhans, Student Success Leadership Coordinator, organized the 2024 Giving Tree to help students who are parents to have Christmas gifts for their children. Forty-five students registered their children to receive gifts. Thanks to generous contributions from CWC staff and the Student Activities Department, as well as help from CWC staff and the members of the NSLS, we were able to provide gifts to the 89 children this year.

One of the students who registered for the Giving Tree sent this message,

"Thanks a bunch for the gift! My daughter loves the gift. I didn't expect much, but I was totally blown away. I can't thank CWC enough for everything they've done for me this semester. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas!"