

WALA News

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Summer

President's column

Another busy school year is coming to a close. This will also be our last newsletter this year, and the last one edited by Amy Arnold. We will be sad to see her go, and hope she remains active in WALA. Babies can be time consuming, but Amy will still miss us. Right? :-)

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Sharon Ailsliegar, chair of the WALA 30th Anniversary Committee. Sharon and the committee members all did an outstanding job of pulling together a very impressive program for the Kansas Library Conference held April 11-13.



Cindy Bailey, a 30th Anniversary Committee member, also happened to be the KLA Conference Local Arrangements Chair, and deserves special thanks from the Board as our liaison to the Hyatt Conference Center. We served white (banana) and chocolate cake on the morning of Thursday, April 12, at conference, and promoted not only our anniversary, but our Annual Meeting, as well.

We have one more event before my term is finished. Our Annual Meeting will be May 17 at Eberly Farms. Unfortunately, our original program was changed when Jeff Davidson, the cowboy poet, was in a car accident. However, we were quickly able to find a replacement speaker, and I think you will be pleased with the program.

A WALA business meeting will also be part of our Annual Meeting. We will vote on an addition to the by-laws and have elections. WALA is a very important part of our library community. Special libraries, school libraries, public libraries, academic libraries and our library system are all represented not only in our membership ranks, but on the current board. With such a strong membership, I have every confidence that WALA will remain influential in the Wichita area.

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WALA President Angela Paul by the WALA table at KLA

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WALA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 17 2012, 11:30 a.m.

Tom Averill, winner of the Outstanding Western Novel of 2011, will present "What Westerns mean to Kansas" at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 at Eberly Farm in Wichita. Brisket and ribs will be served buffet style. Please send an RSVP by May 5 to either Joe Forte or Angela Paul. Send a check to Joe Forte, WALA Treasurer, Newman University Library, 3100 McCormick, Wichita, KS 67213. Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are available with notice.

In addition to the entertainment or keynote speaker, we hold a business meeting at the Annual Meeting. WALA Executive Board consists of officers, members-at-large, and appointed positions. The six members-at-large large positions have two year terms, half elected in even years, the other half in odd. These "at large" board members are cycling off their two-year terms: Tamara Costello, Nan Myers, and Janet Fowler.

The officers of President-elect and Secretary are elected positions which are open. These positions are also two year commitments. The positions of webmaster and newsletter editor are appointed by the board, so volunteers are needed.

We have volunteers for the officer positions within the current Board, and have a new volunteer for webmaster, but still need a volunteer for newsletter editor and one more "at-large" board position. Please contact the nominating committee before May 5 to add your name to the ballot: Angela Paul, Janet Fowler, or Jeanette Parker. (see page 2 for contact info)

The positions of ex-officio, webmaster, and newsletter editor are not included in the WALA by-laws, even though they have been part of the WALA board for many years. The following text supports the current common understanding of how these positions are appointed and what the jobs entail. It is important that these positions are officially recognized and defined in our by-laws.

We propose the following text to be added to our by-laws at the end of Article IV section 4:

Ex-officio: The South Central Kansas Library System may appoint a staff member to attend board meetings in a mutually beneficial role. This person shall inform the board of SCKLS activities and also report about WALA activities to his or her employer. This liaison shall also help coordinate any joint activities.

Positions of Webmaster and Newsletter editor shall be appointed by the board. These members may continue to serve until voluntary resignation or until the Board deems a replacement would benefit the group.

The addition to the by-laws and elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Votes will be accepted by current WALA members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Memberships run June to June. You may include your membership renewal on your check for lunch, if you like. (Please indicate on the check or in a note what you are paying for.) The membership form should be filled out and mailed to Joe along with your check.

WALA Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Featuring the winner of the Outstanding Western Novel of 2011

"What Westerns mean to Kansas" with Tom Averill

Thursday, May 17

11:30AM-1:30PM

Eberly Farms

Menu: brisket, ribs, baked beans,
baked potato, salad, dinner rolls,
apple crisp, cherry cobbler, ice
cream, tea, and lemonade.

Eberly Farms
13111 West 21st Street North
Wichita, Kansas 67235

\$20 with WALA membership

\$25 non-members

Guests welcome!

RSVP by May 4

Send checks to Joe Forte or Angela Paul





MCCONNELL AFB LIBRARY WINS “LIBRARY OF THE YEAR”

There are 12 bases in the Air Mobility Command, all competing for awards and glory, while supporting the mission of the Air Force. Our very own McConnell AFB Library, located in Wichita, KS, won “Library of the Year” for AMC of the Air Force. It started at the base level, “Library of the Quarter” and progressed up through different levels to the Wing Level. A package, of activities and achievements ,was submitted and judged at the different levels. Then the winner was chosen. McConnell AFB Library, has 5 full time staff and 3 part-time staff, keeping the library open 58.5 hours a week and housing a collection of 40,000 items. Programming includes story time for 3-5 year olds, teen programs and adult book discussion groups, plus, of course, Summer Reading, and the Big Read.. In addition, the library teaches computer classes and supports the curriculum of following colleges which hold classes on the base—Butler Community College, Southwester College, Embry-Riddle University, and Webster University. Counting families of Active Duty, Reserve/Guard, Retirees, civilians, contractors, and students, the library serves a community of around 15,000 people. The Air Force requires that all staff to have a minimum of 20 hours of training—per year. All of the McConnell staff exceeded that number, with the Director, Darla Cooper being tagged to attend two different out-of -state Air Force Leadership Workshops.

The library also was recognized for patrons reading the most minutes, in all the Air Force, for Summer Reading. Finally, **Jackie White**, Programming Coordinator, for the library was recognized as “Civilian of the Quarter” and progressed up through the different levels, to be named **“Civilian of the Year.”**

Other activities include the sending of over 19,000 Christmas cards to troops stationed overseas. The library partnered with Papa John’s Pizza, area public schools and some volunteer organizations to make and gather the cards. Papa John’s paid for the postage (\$900.00) and served as dropping off sites. In addition to the card project, the library sponsored a “Santa Claus” story time, a cookie contest and helped make cookies for local active duty airmen, living in the dorms and working the flight lines.

But, we are not resting on our laurels. **National Library Week** and **KLA** are in the same week. The McConnell Library will send staff to the conference **and** provide activities **Monday-Saturday** for its patrons. Activities include an information fair, open house, author presentations, Mother Goose storytime (Mother Goose will attend!!), William Allen White program, opportunities for students to learn library and writing skills, and then just a day of fun for everyone. There will be drawings for e-readers, for those who “use” the library and we ask everyone to “like” us on FaceBook.

As a staff, we are very proud of our library. In a year where “doing more with less” has been the phrase to live by, the library has met the challenge, with flying colors. McConnell AFB Library is, indeed, “Library of the Year.”

Sharon Ailslieger, Reference Librarian

McConnell AFB Library

ANDOVER LIBRARY'S NEW ADULT PROGRAMMING

EXPLORES KANSAS ON THE SILVER SCREEN

"Beyond the Yellow Brick Road: Kansas and the Silver Screen" is the first in a series of adult programs to be presented at the Andover Public Library and made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council. The program will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 28 and will feature a presentation and discussion by Thomas Prasch, chair of the Department of History at Washburn University. His research specialties include film history, and he writes and comments on contemporary film.

"The Andover Public Library chose to collaborate with the Kansas Humanities Council in presenting these programs because we not only wanted to expand our adult programming, but we also wanted to offer presentations and discussions about the people and places of Kansas," says Carla Heideman, Circulation Desk Coordinator and program coordinator.

What does "Kansas" mean to American popular culture? Any Kansan traveling outside the state's borders knows that sooner or later, he or she will be asked "Where's Dorothy?" or told "You're not in Kansas anymore." The iconic film adaptation of L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz has influenced popular conceptions of the state. But Kansas history and themes have also figured significantly in other fictional films produced in Hollywood. Prasch will discuss what "Kansas" means to American popular culture using excerpts from films for examples.

"Sure, we all know about Dorothy and Toto," explained Prasch. "But, from the settling of the plains and Bloody Kansas to Brown v. Board and the 'In Cold Blood' killings, Kansas has a rich history that has regularly been mined by Hollywood in the making of features films about historical events. I've long been interested in how Hollywood does history, so in this talk I aim to examine how Kansas and its history plays on the silver screen."

The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based humanities programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information about KHC programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

The program is free to the public. The next Kansas Humanities Council presentation is scheduled June 16. For more information about "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road: Kansas and the Silver Screen" contact the Andover Public Library at 316-558-3500 or visit www.andoverlibrary.org.

WALA's 30th anniversary at the KLA conference



Sharon Ailslieger, Chair of the 30th Anniversary Committee and Angela Paul serve cake at the KLA Conference.



Nan Myers, enjoying cake at the WALA table



WALA members Cindy Bailey, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for KLA, and Eric Gustafson have fun manning the KLA Registration desk.

WALA's 30th anniversary

at the KLA conference

Can you believe WALA started in 1982? Sharon says it seems like yesterday.

To help promote WALA and draw attention to our longevity, a committee was charged by the board to plan a late afternoon or evening event to be held at the KLA conference.

On Thursday evening of the conference, guests enjoyed a champagne reception at Wichita's original Carnegie Library, which was preserved by Fidelity Bank and is now their current Commercial Banking headquarters. Conco Construction has an interesting website detailing the remodel at <http://www.concoconstruction.com/fidelitycarnegielibrary.html>.

Guests also toured the Allen-Lambe house, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, before taking a trolley to the Keeper of the Plains for the 9:00 p.m. display. The entire evening was wonderful, and in spite of the wind, the weather cooperated.

See the next pages for pictures of our wonderful event.

Thank you to the committee members for all their hard work!

Sharon Ailslieger—McConnell Air Force Base

Cindy Bailey--Wichita Public Library

Betty Cattrell--Haysville Public Library

Cassie Fahey--Wichita Public Library

Janet Fowler--USD 259

Kara Cole-ITT Tech College

Nan Myers--Wichita State University

Rita Sevart--Wichita Area Technical College

Nancy Snyder--Wichita Public Library

WALA's 30th anniversary at the KLA conference



Wichita Carnegie Library, now Fidelity Bank.



Refreshments and champagne were provided courtesy of Fidelity Bank, followed by a wonderful presentation about the renovation of the Carnegie Library.



30th Anniversary committee members Cindy Bailey, Cassie Fahey and Sharon Ailsleiger pose with Fidelity Bank Chairman Clark Bastian



Guests then boarded a trolley for the Allen-Lambe house, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Guests were able to tour the facility, then head to the Keeper of the Plains for a special lighting of the fire.

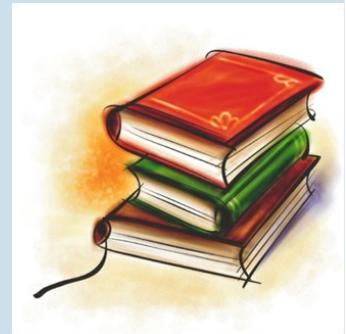


WALA's community project

Book Buddy is still going strong!



In conjunction with
World Book Night
Freedom 1st FCU is proud to sponsor a
Children's Book Drive
Monday, April 23rd
through
Friday, April 27th



Bring your new and gently used
Children's books to this drop off location

The books will benefit the Wichita Area Library Association (WALA)
Book Buddy Program

A program involving law enforcement agencies
in the 12 county area of South Central Kansas.

The books are distributed to children being removed from traumatic situations.

Books provide a welcomed distraction through reading and exploration and
a positive engagement between officers and children.

SEARCH YOUR BOOK CASES FOR THOSE OUTGROWN BOOKS!

Need another reason to join WALA?

We had a blast at KLA and we are planning an awesome Annual Meeting. Here are some pictures from our December Holiday Social to remind you how much fun WALA members have together!



Allen Tanner and Rita Severt



John and Nancy Snyder



Alissa Hinckley



Cindy and Anna Bailey

WALA's on Facebook!

It is now easier to find us on Facebook! We have our own URL at <http://www.facebook.com/wichitaarealibraryassociation>.

We use FB to promote our own events, but you may post items to share yourself or send them to angela.paul@wichita.edu.

WALA aims to help librarians network.



Wichita Area Library Association

Wichita Area Library Association (WALA) is an organization of library professionals started in 1982 in Wichita, Kansas.

WALA is dedicated to supporting libraries and library employees in the Wichita area and works to improve library services and access for the Wichita area community of library users.

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