



## Message from the President

*Jeanette Parker, Friends University Library*

The WALA annual meeting is quickly approaching! We will gather for a meal, fellowship, a great speaker and annual elections, Wednesday, May 15. The annual meeting is our final event for the 2012-13 membership year. Although I have been involved in WALA as a member as well as a board member, my year as president has been a new and different experience for me. While I, of course, have the hope that our members have been pleased with

the activities we have sponsored this year, I also have the hope that our organization continues to grow and thrive and become something that we are all proud to be members of and participate in.

The annual meeting is a great time to renew your WALA membership or to join or re-join! If you renew now, your membership is covered through the end of June 2014. As a smaller organization, WALA is ideal for getting involved in a professional organization and networking with other area librarians. I believe that WALA is a great organization and urge you to be involved either through membership, participation in events, running for a board position or a combination of any of these roles. I know that I have benefited most from the relationships that have been formed with other board members and other WALA members; they are invaluable!

The annual meeting should be a great event! We have selected a yummy menu, we have a great speaker scheduled (<http://www.jeffdavidsonmusic.com/index.html>) and there will be ample opportunity to talk and visit with fellow librarians. Elections for new officers and board members will take place, too.

Wichita Area Library Association

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala>

# WALA Annual Meeting

This year's WALA annual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Corporate Caterers, located at the intersection of 29<sup>th</sup> and Rock Road.

We welcome cowboy poet and singer Jeff Davidson as the guest speaker. We will also conduct elections for next year's officers and present the annual report.

The menu includes marinated top sirloin, mixed green salad, fresh asparagus, baked potato, roll, and dessert. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are also available.

The cost is \$20 for WALA members and \$25 for non-members. RSVP to Joe Forte at [forte@newmanu.edu](mailto:forte@newmanu.edu) by Wednesday, May 8. Please be sure to indicate if you will need a vegetarian or gluten-free meal.



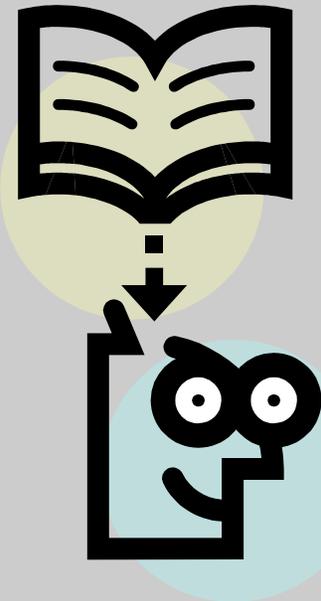
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## Get More Involved!

The WALA Board of Directors is looking for volunteers/nominees to run for three open positions on the board. Term of service is two years. If you've never served or haven't served in a while, please consider running for one of these open positions.

Board members must be current WALA members and be willing and able to attend monthly meetings (occasional absences are permitted). The monthly meetings are typically on the first Monday of each month (with occasional changes) from 11:30am—12:30pm at Watermark Books.

We meet at lunchtime and are able to enjoy yummy food from the Café (you're responsible for your own lunch) and meet in their basement meeting space. Nominations are due on Friday, May 3, 2013. Elections will take place at the WALA annual meeting and luncheon, May 15, 2013. To nominate someone or volunteer, or to ask questions about this opportunity, please e-mail Jeanette Parker at [parkerjea@friends.edu](mailto:parkerjea@friends.edu).



## SCKLS Update

*Tom Taylor, South Central Kansas Library System*

Each year, the South Central Kansas Library System has \$45,000 available for Continuing Education Registration Reimbursement Grants. The purpose of the grant is to reimburse member librarians, staff or public library trustees for registration costs to attend library-related continuing education activities during the 2013 calendar year. There is still money available in the grant. The grant is open to public, school, academic and institutional member librarians and staff and public library trustees who are attending trustee-related programs or conferences. Other costs, such as travel, food, lodging and textbooks are the responsibility of the member library, librarian or trustee.

You may find more information about the grant at the SCKLS website [www.sckls.info](http://www.sckls.info) and click on the "Grants" tab.

Save the Date: October 28th Semi-Annual Business Meeting with a keynote by library futurist Joan Frye Williams. The meeting will be at the Derby Public Library. <http://jfwilliams.com/>



### **WALA's on Facebook!**

**We use FB to promote**

**our own events,**

**but you may post items to**

**share yourself or send them to**

**[angela.paul@wichita.edu](mailto:angela.paul@wichita.edu).**

# Living with E-Books



After problems with the weather, we finally were able to get together and talk about e-books at the USD 259 School Service Training Center in Wichita.



Lisa Dennis from EBSCO said that if librarians need further information, they can contact the following representatives.

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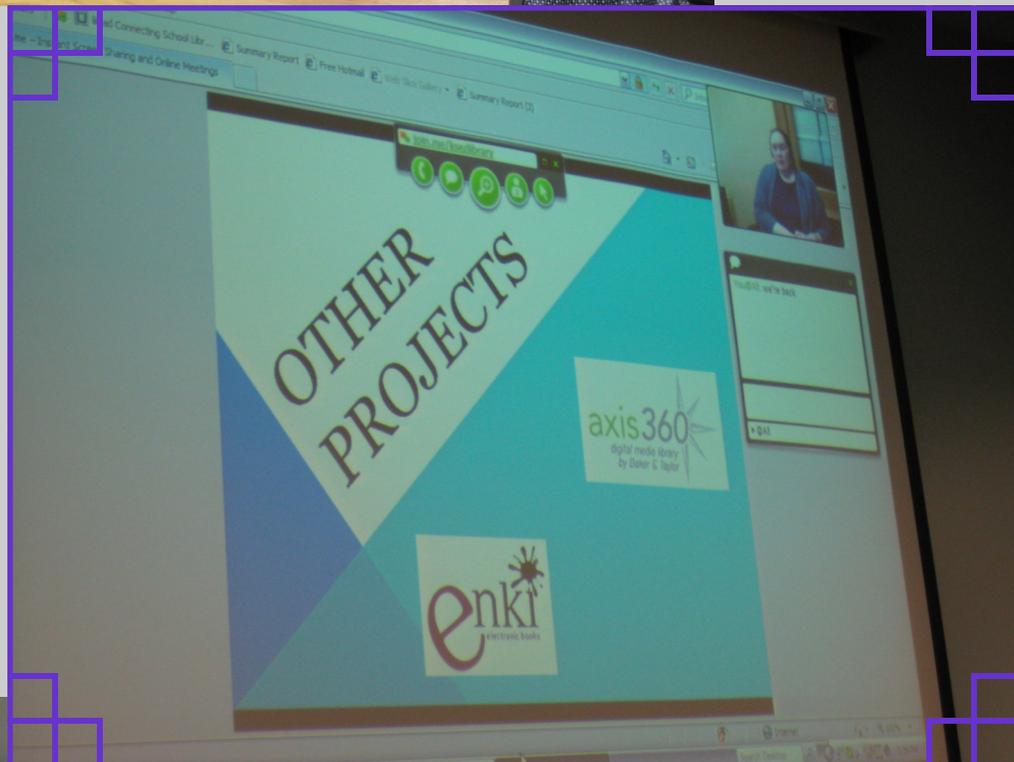
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Library workers from the Wichita area discussed opportunities and issues with electronic print.



# Board Meeting and Tour of Park City Public Library



The WALA Board of Directors held its April meeting at Park City's new library. The board members were eager to see the new building so after the meeting, we took a tour. The facility was bright and open. Park City Staff provided refreshments for visiting librarians.





Park City Library Director Len Warren led a tour of the new facility, including stops in the children's area, stacks, computer area, Friends of the Library bookstore, and basement meeting room.





**The basement of Park City Public is finished and they have the capacity to accommodate large gatherings.**



## McConnell AFB Library Wins Air Force Library of the Year

McConnell Air Force Base Library in Wichita has won Air Force Library of the Year for its programming and customer service. McConnell AFB Library serves a population of active duty service members, civilians, and military retirees and is open six days per week. It has a staff of seven employees: Darla Cooper (Director), Sharon Ailsieger (Reference Librarian), Jackie White (Program Coordinator), Gayle Hickey (Technology), Gretchen Huber (Library Technician), Rebecca Ebert (ILL), and Daniel Gordon (Periodicals and Over Dues).

The library supports the mission of McConnell AFB by providing materials found on the Air Force Reading List, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) materials, First Term Airman programs, and collection development within subjects related to Military Studies and quality of life for military families. The library works with the education department to support the curricula of four colleges which hold classes on base; students are provided with bibliographic instruction, CLEP materials, academic databases and research assistance. The library also provides children's programs, including STEM programming in conjunction with local elementary schools and summer reading programs, as well as book discussions for adults, beginning computer classes, home school programs, and family and special holiday programs throughout the year. In addition to its programming, McConnell provides public computers, access to DVDs, electronic games, backpacks for checkout, children's computers, bestsellers and classics.



Congratulations to the staff of McConnell AFB Library for a job well done!

### Top Tips

Do you Mango? What is Mango?

Mango is an electronic resource available from the state library. If a patron is learning a second language, this is a great tool to show them. If they are learning English, they will love it as well.

Way to talk about it to your patrons: Think *free* Rosetta Stone!

Visit [kslc.org](http://kslc.org) to access this great resource!

# Wichita Area Library Association

## Officers 2012 - 2013

<p align="center"><b>President 2012-2013</b></p> <p>Jeanette Parker          Friends University          316-295-5887          parkerjea@friends.edu</p>	<p align="center"><b>Treasurer 2011-14</b></p> <p>Joe Forte          Newman University Library          316-942-4291 ext. 2104          fortej@newmanu.edu</p>
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## Board of Directors 2012-2013

<p>Sharon Ailslieger <b>2011-2013</b>          McConnell AFB Library          316-759-4207          sailslieger@netscape.net</p>	<p>Max Burson <b>2012-2014</b>          Friends University          mburson@friends.edu</p>
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## Tell them to JOIN US!

Do you know a library staff member who would enjoy the social interaction and networking opportunities that WALA offers? Do you have a coworker who could contribute to our local organization? Do you have an employee who has great ideas and loves to be involved with the community? If so, encourage them to become a member of the Wichita Area Library Association!

For \$15.00 a year, membership for WALA is a steal! All they need to do is fill out a membership application and mail it and a check for \$15.00 made payable to WALA to

Joe Forte, WALA Treasurer

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**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.**

**Read WALA NEWS at:** <http://www.skyways.org/library/wala/walapubs.html>

**Submit your materials for WALA NEWS to**

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