

Wichita Area Library Association

WALA News

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Welcome to the start of a new school year, as well as a new WALA year! I would like to briefly introduce myself as the incoming WALA president. Currently, I am a reference and instruction librarian at Wichita State University. My duties also include reference, instruction, and collection development to Women's Studies, reference and instruction to the College of Engineering, and outreach to area schools.



Prior to obtaining my MLS from Emporia State and coming to WSU in 2004, I was at Coleman Middle School and Beech Elementary in the Wichita School District. Numerous memberships include local and state library and education organizations in Iowa and Kansas, as well as American Library Association and relevant sub-groups since 1991. I have been a WALA member since 2005.

My job is usually a little more laid back in the summer than it was this year, but several projects needed to be finished before the first day of class. I hope at least most of you are happy and well rested as can be after a doozy of a hot summer. Maybe fall will bring a respite from the stress and heat!

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Yearly Agenda

WALA has the usual schedule for the coming year: our annual legislative luncheon in November, the holiday party in December, and our annual meeting in May. Specific dates and locations are forthcoming. We also plan to participate in the KLA Conference, which is April 11-13, 2012 at Hyatt Hotel and Conference Center in Wichita. A library tour will also likely be planned; look for more information in the next newsletter.

A short-term project will soon be underway. WALA was started in 1982, so the year 2012 is our 30-year anniversary! Any WALA member may help plan events for this special year. Please let me know if you would like to be on the anniversary celebration committee. The board would like an event at KLA this spring and another in the fall.

We are always looking for ways to expand our Book Buddy project. Ask anyone on the WALA board for information about how to get this program started in your community. If your WALA friend can't answer your question, they will get you in touch with Janet Fowler or Sharon Ailsieger, project leads.

Angela Paul, President

Look for our flyer
about our Legislative
Luncheon, coming soon!

WALA's on Facebook!

Join us on Facebook to keep in touch with WALA activities, events at area libraries, and other announcements related to library issues. Let Angela Paul or Amy Arnold know if you have something to share, or just post it yourself on our page.

Search for Wichita Area Library Association (Organization).

Congratulations!

Kathy Delker was promoted to Assistant Library Director at Friends University effective August 1st. She will continue to serve as Reference Librarian. She began working at Friends University in August 2007 and recently advanced in rank to Associate Professor.



Kathy Delker and her boss Max Burson, Library Director at Friends University

Regional Technology Staff Hired

The South Central Kansas Library System has announced that Ken Warner, Wichita, is the new Automation and Technology Consultant and Tram Nguyen, Wichita, is the new Technology Services Coordinator. Warner has been a twenty-year information services employee and technology trainer for the Wichita, KS Public Library. Nguyen has served as the Director of the Mulvane, KS Public Library since 2008 and has taught technology courses for the Emporia, KS State University School of Library and Information Management. Warner and Nguyen will provide technology training and support to the 147 multi-type member libraries of SCKLS. They join a technology team that includes Larry Papenfuss, Information Technology Director; Sharon Barnes, Automation and Technology Consultant; and Lee Scott; Technology Consultant.



Lisa Sharbaugh

Lisa Sharbaugh, Wichita, will be joining SCKLS as the new Library Support Specialist on Monday, September 12. Lisa has worked for the Derby Public Library as a Library Technician since September 2010. She completed her Masters of Science in Library Science in May 2010 from the University of North Texas in Denton. She's also worked as a school library media specialist and teacher. Lisa will be providing SCKLS interlibrary, cataloging and continuing education support services.



BY-LAWS PROPOSAL

While carefully looking over the WALA by-laws to begin my term as president, I noticed that the positions of newsletter editor, webmaster, and SCKLS Ex Officio positions were not mentioned. These positions are appointed by the board, and the holders of those positions may remain in place until the individual opts out.

This has been the practice for many years. However, in order to retain control over these appointments, the by-laws should be changed to officially recognize these positions. The WALA board will compose an addition to the by-laws and present it at the annual meeting. Here is the excerpt which relates to changing our by-laws:

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS: These bylaws may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous board meeting. The membership shall be kept informed of any changes.

The proposed wording regarding appointed positions will be included in a future newsletter with time for feedback from the membership before the annual meeting.

Angela Paul, President



**8th Annual Poetry and Fiction Reading Series
at Wichita State University**

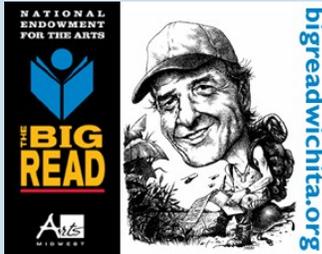
Beginning in October, the WSU Libraries and Department of English will once again co-sponsor their annual series of author readings and book signings. The first reading will feature Paul Dickey, a Nebraska poet and former MFA student in Wichita State's Creative Writing Program. Other fall readings include Katherine Vaz, WSU Visiting Professor and Distinguished Fiction Writer in Residence, and the students in the Department of English's MFA Fiction program. A special double reading is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th at 2:30 pm. This event will feature readings and discussions by Clare Vanderpool and Deb Seely, two award-winning authors of children's literature.

The spring schedule includes readings by Greg Glazner, WSU Visiting Professor and Distinguished Poet in Residence; Marlin "Bart" Barton, assistant director of the Writing Our Stories Program at the Alabama Writers' Forum; Sam Taylor, poet and the WSU Department of English's newest faculty member, and the students in the MFA Poetry program.

All readings will be held in the Lower Level of Ablah Library. Additional information, including the dates and times for all events, is available at <http://bit.ly/wsureadingseries>. The events are all free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. Questions can be directed to Melissa Mallon, Research & Information Services Librarian, at melissa.mallon@wichita.edu or 978-5077.

THE BIG READ – WICHITA ANNOUNCES OCTOBER EVENTS

Community Celebrates Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried"



The Big Read – Wichita returns for a fourth year with a celebration of Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried," a fictional exploration of a Vietnam War veteran's experiences before, during and after his service. Themes of service, memory and duty will be explored throughout discussions, exhibits, films, and more in Wichita and the surrounding area. Highlights include a free talk by Tim O'Brien at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3 at the WSU Hughes Metropolitan Complex. Most events are free. For a complete list of events, visit www.bigreadwichita.org.

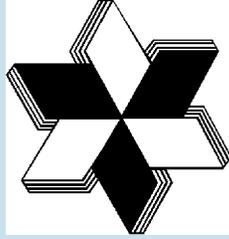
The Big Read Kick-Off

Start The Big Read - Wichita with a big celebration! The McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard will present the colors, The Jukes featuring Clif Major will play '60s tunes and Ballet Wichita will perform. See Robert Rauschenberg's *Signs*, the artwork featured on this year's poster, and other artwork in a special exhibit that relates to "The Things They Carried." Pick up a free copy of the book, reader's guide and poster (while supplies last) and enjoy refreshments. 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203, (316) 268-4921

SAVE THE DATE! Author Tim O'Brien

Big Read author Tim O'Brien's service in the United States Army (3rd Platoon, A Company, 5th Battery, 46th Infantry, 1969-1970) as a foot soldier has inspired him to write award-winning works. His visit is made possible by Candlewood Suites - Wichita Airport, Friends of the Wichita Public Library, Friends University Library, USD 259 - Wichita Public Schools, Wichita State University Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Wichita State University Libraries.

7-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, Wichita State University Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67220, (316) 261-8500



WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Discovery Center
www.wichita.lib.ks.us

Recording the Past: The Veteran's History Project

The Veterans History Project collects and preserves the memories of American war veterans and civilian workers who supported them. Join us as Frank Moreno, a World War II veteran from Wichita, shares his story in a video documentary created by Wichita East High School students. Join the participants in a discussion of the project following the 30-minute video. Part of the Wichita Public Library's Hispanic Heritage and Big Read - Wichita celebrations.

2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, Wichita Public Library-Central Library, 223 S. Main, Wichita, KS 67202, (316) 261-8500

Senior Wednesday: "A Mind Frozen in Time": PTSD and the Wounded Soldier

Dr. Jeremy Crosby of the Dole Veteran's Administration Hospital is an expert on the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for combat veterans. Here, he will share insights from his work and tips for all citizens. Offered in cooperation with nine other cultural institutions in Wichita, Senior Wednesdays are designed for active seniors and made possible by the Kansas Health Foundation.

1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12, Wichita Public Library-Central Library, 223 S. Main, Wichita, KS 67202, (316) 261-8500

"The Things They Carried" Book Discussions

See www.wichita.lib.ks.us/Programs/BigRead.htm for a list of the Wichita Public Library's books discussions.

Bamboo Jambo: Traditional Stories from Southeast Asia

Founded in 1982 by Nancy Wang and Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, Eth-Noh-Tec produces and performs contemporary presentations of traditional folktales from the many countries and cultures of Asia through storytelling, theater, dance and music. Eth-Noh-Tec has performed at venues including the Smithsonian, Kennedy Center, and National Storytelling Festival. Eth-Noh-Tec's visit is made possible by Friends of the Wichita Public Library. (60 minutes)



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Heartland REFORMA and the State Library of Kansas present:

Marketing Library Services to Latinos

A two-part, online workshop presented by Yolanda Cuesta, October 18, 2011 and October 25, 2011, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Central Time, free of charge.

To register, send e-mail to cindi.hickey@library.ks.gov, including your name. The pre-assessment will be sent to the e-mail address you use to register. Attendance certificates will be available.

The Sessions will be presented in Elluminate Live! and will be archived. Login information is included below. Questions? Please contact Cindi Hickey, cindi.hickey@library.ks.gov.

Workshop Description:

Marketing the library to Latinos is both a challenge and an exciting opportunity for your library and for library staff members. The challenges are all too familiar to us and may seem overwhelming:

- Limited resources
- No Spanish-speaking staff
- Lack of awareness of how things work in the Latino community
- Gaps in our knowledge of what the Latino community wants and needs from the library
- Lack of confidence in our ability to connect with the Latino community

Even with all of these challenges, you can be successful in marketing the library to Latinos by applying a few basic principles. This lively and interactive online class will help you:

- Apply basic marketing principles to the Latino community
- Increase your awareness of how Latino culture can impact the what and how of library services
- Identify techniques you can use to connect with Latino customers to identify their needs
- Practice writing marketing messages that connect with Latinos

Class requirements:

- Complete a short and fun pre-class assignment
- Select an assignment to work on and discuss during the second week of class

During the class we will explore the complex and diverse Latino community and the marketing techniques the library can use to earn a place in the minds and hearts of the Latino community.

The class will be led by Yolanda Cuesta, an independent consultant who has worked with and trained library staff throughout the U.S. Yolanda has worked in public libraries in Texas and California and has dedicated her library career to helping libraries reach out to and connect with the multicultural communities they serve.

Login Instructions:

First time Elluminate Live participants, please get ready for the meeting at least 30 minutes in advance of the start time.

To prepare, visit the Elluminate Support center at <http://tinyurl.com/4thqaw> to configure your system and test your audio.

To join the workshops sessions, please use the following links:

Workshop Part 1 (October 18): <http://tinyurl.com/3emk448>

Workshop Part 2 (October 25): <http://tinyurl.com/42xrx64>

If you need support please contact Lianne Flax, lianne.flax@library.ks.gov, 785-296-8152.

PLEASE NOTE: It may take a minute or so for the Java plugin to load. During this time you may not see any indication that it is loading.

Open House at Edmund Stanley Library, Friends University

Edmund Stanley Library at Friends University hosted an Open House welcoming all students, staff, faculty, administrators and interested community members to view the refurbishment which took place over the course of the summer. The Open House took place Monday, September 19th. The event featured guided tours, refreshments, a scavenger hunt for students and the evening ended with a Wii Rock Band Tournament.



Student assistants getting ready to place balloons throughout the library

The library staff worked many hours in the Spring 2011 semester and the early summer months planning furniture purchases and placement. New refurbishment features include: chairs and loveseats with tablet arms for laptops or books, café-style tables and chairs, over-sized chairs and ottomans, restaurant booths, a sectional sofa, a 55" television, a gaming table, a puzzle table, a quick print computer station, a new computer area which expanded the number of computer stations, and new computer tables and chairs.



Students playing chess on our new game table



Eight new computers were added to the library

Book Sale and Silent Auction

The Friends of the Wichita Public Library will once again be having a book sale this fall and will be adding a silent auction. Silent auction items will include a visit by Jane Austen, a personal storytime and magic show, a book club or classroom visit by Newberry Author Clare Vanderpool, and other exciting items.

For details, see the Friends of the Wichita Public Library's website.

www.wichita.lib.ks.us/Organizations/Friends

Recruit for WALA!

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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Membership forms can be found on our website: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala/>

Act today to get the whole year's benefit!



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.

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

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