



NEWS

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Message from the President

Jeanette Parker, Friends University Library

WALA's mission statement includes the phrase: "WALA is dedicated to supporting libraries and library employees in the Wichita area." I've been reflecting on this statement. How may we on the WALA Board of Directors best meet this mission? What type of event or activity do I think would support my professional development? I believe that answer can be different depending what type of library you work in, but I believe that there may be commonalities as well.

I would ask you to ponder this statement with me. What does it mean to you? Is it the hosting of events that encourage networking or discussion with other library professionals? Is it the opportunity to meet with and educate local legislators regarding library issues? Touring local libraries to see what others are doing? What can be shared from my work and experience as an academic librarian, and what can I learn and integrate into my work from interactions with librarians in other types of libraries?

The WALA Board meets monthly to discuss upcoming events and activities and to make future plans to benefit the members of our organization. I ask you again to ponder this statement and then take action. Feel free to contact me or any other Board member with ideas and suggestions; I welcome constructive criticism, too! And if you'd like to take it a step further, consider joining the WALA Board of Directors and be a driving force in helping to make WALA an even better regional organization.

Every year at our annual meeting we hold elections for service on the Board of Directors. If you've never served or haven't served for a while, please consider doing so! As a regional library organization, the potential for collaboration and education could and should be a valuable part of our work as librarians. It is only with the participation and ideas of our members and leaders that we can grow and develop as a professional organization.

The Board of Directors meets monthly at Watermark Books; we eat lunch, discuss business and make plans for events and activities. If you'd like to see what happens, please consider joining us! Our meetings are open to the public and we would welcome your involvement. The call for nominations will go out to our membership in late March, so please think about this exciting opportunity!



WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
[HTTP://SKYWAYS.LIB.KS.US/LIBRARY/WALA](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala)

WALA Events & Educational Opportunities

Living with E-Books

February 20, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(See more about this in this issue)

USD 259 School Service Training Room at
3850 N. Hydraulic in Wichita

April WALA Board Meeting & Library Tour

Monday April 8, 2013—evening

Bring a lunch, attend a WALA Board Meeting and Tour the Park City Public Library

Annual WALA Meeting coming up in May!

SCKLS Training Week

April 8-12 (see page 5 for more SCKLS program details)

SCKLS Semi-Annual Business Meeting

Monday April 29

Newton: Meridian Center,

Keynote: Marshall Breeding

Programs at Area Libraries

Understanding Your Camera - Photography Series with Barney Tull & Bill Fales at Derby Public Library. Second Thursdays of the month from 6 to 8 pm

Derby Public Library is now providing homebound service through their Library2Go service.

Haysville Public Library will start a new program on February 7th featuring Doug Kutilek, a columnist in the Haysville Sun Times. He will lead discussions about home gardening.

Andover Public Library is now checking out cookie cutters for use! In addition to the other museum passes for check out, they now have passes for the Kansas Underground Salt Museum.

Newton Public Library, in addition to providing a wide selection of tech classes, also provides a class on using smart phones. Catch them each Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm.

Park City Alive is a program that is presented monthly by Park City Public Library and partners. These programs focus on the humanities and arts with such topics as "Kansas Brewers and Breweries" and "Images of Depression-Era Work in Kansas Post Office Murals."

Holiday Party 2012!

WALA's Holiday Party was great this year! There was good company, good food and a lovely place to gather in Derby Public Library's meeting room. Ham was served, and attendees brought their favorite sides.

The main attraction was the white elephant book exchange (the picture below shows this year's attendees posing with the books they received).



Amy Arnold, her husband Sam, and our newest legacy pledge Emma. Notice how much Emma is enjoying that book?



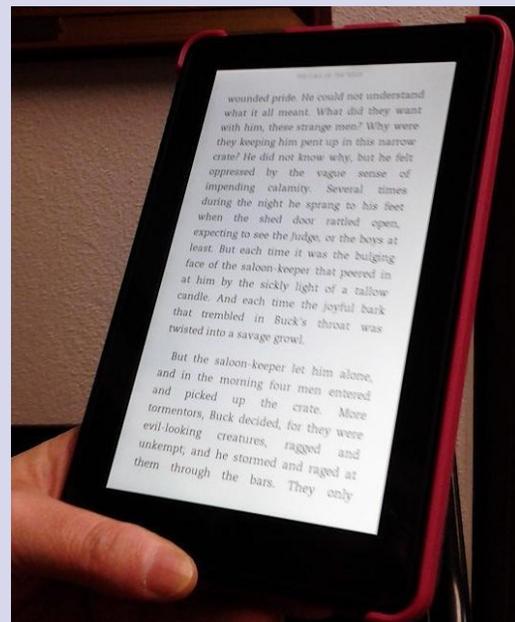
Living with E-Books

A Seminar for all Library workers

February 20, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
USD 259 School Service Training Room at
3850 N. Hydraulic in Wichita

This event is free, however we ask that you register
with Janet Fowler (jfowler@usd259.net)

Learn how libraries are incorporating e-books into their
collections and what the future is for this new format.
Speakers will examine this issue from Academic, Public
and School library perspectives.



There is ample free parking at the USD 259 School Service center, however, there is a security checkpoint as you enter the building, so please consider this in your arrival time.

Representatives from WALA will be there to greet you and direct you to the Training Room where the workshop is being held.

Kansas Scholarship Recipient

WALA Newsletter Co-editor Ruth Harries has been named the Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation Scholarship recipient for Spring semester, 2013. Ruth is currently enrolled at SLIM, Emporia State University, and works as the evening circulation supervisor at Wichita State University.

A specific purpose of KLAEF is to provide scholarships for members of the Kansas Library Association. For this scholarship, the focus is particularly for members who are enrolled in an accredited graduate-level program for library and information science which will result in a MLS or Library and Information Science degree, and are planning a career in Kansas libraries. Factors considered in making these awards include a commitment to a career in Kansas librarianship and academic excellence. The award is for \$500.

Congratulations, Ruth!

This Year's Batchelder Award

Jean Hatfield, Alford Branch,
Wichita Public Library

The highlight of a youth librarian's career is to serve on an Association for Library Services or Young Adult Library Services Association youth book award committee. It has been my privilege to serve on several book award committees. This year, I was privileged to serve as the chair of the Mildred L. Batchelder Award Committee. This is a special award, named after a children's librarian who was passionate about promoting international understanding through literature.

The Batchelder Award is awarded to the most outstanding book for children that has been translated from another language and originally published in another country. It is given to the publisher instead of the author to recognize the commitment the publisher has made to seeking out and promoting excellence in children's literature from another country.



One of the most exciting experiences of any book award committee member is being present at the Youth Media Awards press conference. Each year this event draws huge crowds of people at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, and it has started to draw an equally large crowd of virtual participants who are able to watch the event via a live stream. Members of the audience cheer their favorites or turn to the person next to them and say, "What? I don't believe they missed [whatever favorite they were rooting for]!"

Committee members know that the books named during the press conference will garner new readers and increased income for the author, so they take their responsibility very seriously. It is hard work, but very satisfying in the end. I'm very pleased to have been a part of this year's awards.



This year's winner was *My Family for the War*, and the honor books were *A Game for Swallows: To Die, To Leave, To Return* and *Son of a Gun*. (More information can be found at <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/batchelderaward>.) The culmination of the committee's deliberations is placing the award seals on the honored books. At that point, the committee is sworn to keep these titles secret until they are announced.

SCKLS Update

Tom Taylor, South Central Kansas Library System

For 2013, SCKLS continues to offer its 147 member public, academic, school district and special libraries funding opportunities through a variety of grant programs totaling \$1,269,000. A list of the ten grant programs appears below and eligibility and application information for each grant is available under the "Grants" tab at the SCKLS website: <http://sckls.info/index.aspx?NID=35>

Available SCKLS Grants:

- Competitive Automation Grant
- Continuing Education Grants
- E-Books Matching Grant
- General Technology Grant
- Grant-in-Aid
- Professional Services Grants
- Programming/Project Grants
- School Interlibrary Loan Grant
- Special Library Grant
- Summer Reading Grants



The South Central Kansas Library System offers customizable training opportunities to its members.

New courses have been added, including book repair, computer trainings, and more. A list of workshops offered by SCKLS staff is available at <http://www.sckls.info/index.aspx?nid=148>. Trainings can be done at your library (space permitting) or at our training facility in South Hutchinson. If you are interested in a particular workshop, or if you would like to host a workshop in 2013, please contact Tom Taylor, SCKLS Member Library Services Coordinator, at tom@sckls.info or 800-234-0529 ext. 149.

Save the Date for these free learning opportunities:

April 8-12, Training Week at SCKLS

Monday April 29, Semi-Annual Business Meeting,
Newton: Meridian Center, Keynote: [Marshall Breeding](#)

Monday October 28, Semi-Annual Business Meeting, Derby Public Library,
Keynote: [Joan Frye Williams](#)



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.

SmartSearch at WSU Libraries

Nan Meyers, Wichita State University Libraries

Wichita State University Libraries has installed a new search tool! **SmartSearch**, the EBSCO Discovery Service, provides a single point of access to a broad range of library materials. Libraries provide a vast richness of content, but that content has historically resided in separate silos of storage and access — books in the catalog, subscription content from multiple providers, e-books, archival collections, electronic journals, and other resources on the web. Now, Wichita State University Libraries provides its users with a consolidated index to provide faster and better search results. Users can now search across the majority of our 200 online databases and more than 2 million books, e-books, and other physical formats available through our online catalog. Below is the new look of our Libraries' main page featuring **SmartSearch**.

The screenshot shows the Wichita State University Libraries homepage. At the top left is the WSU logo and the text "WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY". To the right is the text "University Libraries". In the top right corner, it says "Abkh's hours today: 7:30am-10:30pm" with a link to "See all hours". Below this is a search bar and a "Search website" section with radio buttons for "Libraries" (selected) and "WSU". A yellow navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Off-campus / Distance Users", "Student Toolbox", "Faculty Toolbox", "Gifts & Friends of the Library", and "University Home".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Popular Links:** A list of links including Home, Library Hours, Renew your items, Computer Availability, Interlibrary Loan, Library Events, Mobile Site, and myWSU.
- Ask-a-librarian:** A "Live Chat" window with a text input field and a "Type here to chat. Press ENTER to send." prompt.
- Search the Libraries:** A central section featuring the "SmartSearch" logo, a search input field with the placeholder "Search for articles, books, media and more...", and a "Search" button. Below the input field are radio buttons for "Keyword" (selected), "Title", and "Author", and a link for "Advanced search".
- Library Resources:** A list of links including Online Catalog, Electronic Databases, Electronic Journals, Electronic Books, SOAR, Course Reserves, Other Library Catalogs, and more resources.
- Research Help:** A list of links including Interlibrary Loan, Resources by Subject, User Guides, Citation Writing Help, Library Instruction, EMPOWER Tutorial, Virtual Reference Shelf, and more help.
- About the Libraries:** A list of links including Services, Online Request Forms, Public Policies, Staff Directory, Branches & Units, Special Collections, Virtual Tour, and more information.
- New digital collection:** A banner for the "New digital collection: Slavery & Anti-Slavery Archive" featuring a portrait of a man.
- WSU Libraries News:** A section with a welcome message, a link to a video database trial, a congratulatory message for graduates, and social media links for Twitter and Facebook.

At the bottom of the page, a yellow footer contains the contact information: "Wichita State University Libraries, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0068 | Phone: (316)978-3481 | Fax: (316)978-3048 | [Comments/Suggestions](#)".

Schools compete in Battle of the Books

Janet Fowler, Wichita Public Schools Library Media and Textbook Services

Thirty-six elementary schools participated in this year's Battle of the Books program, sponsored by USD 259 Library Media and Textbook Services.

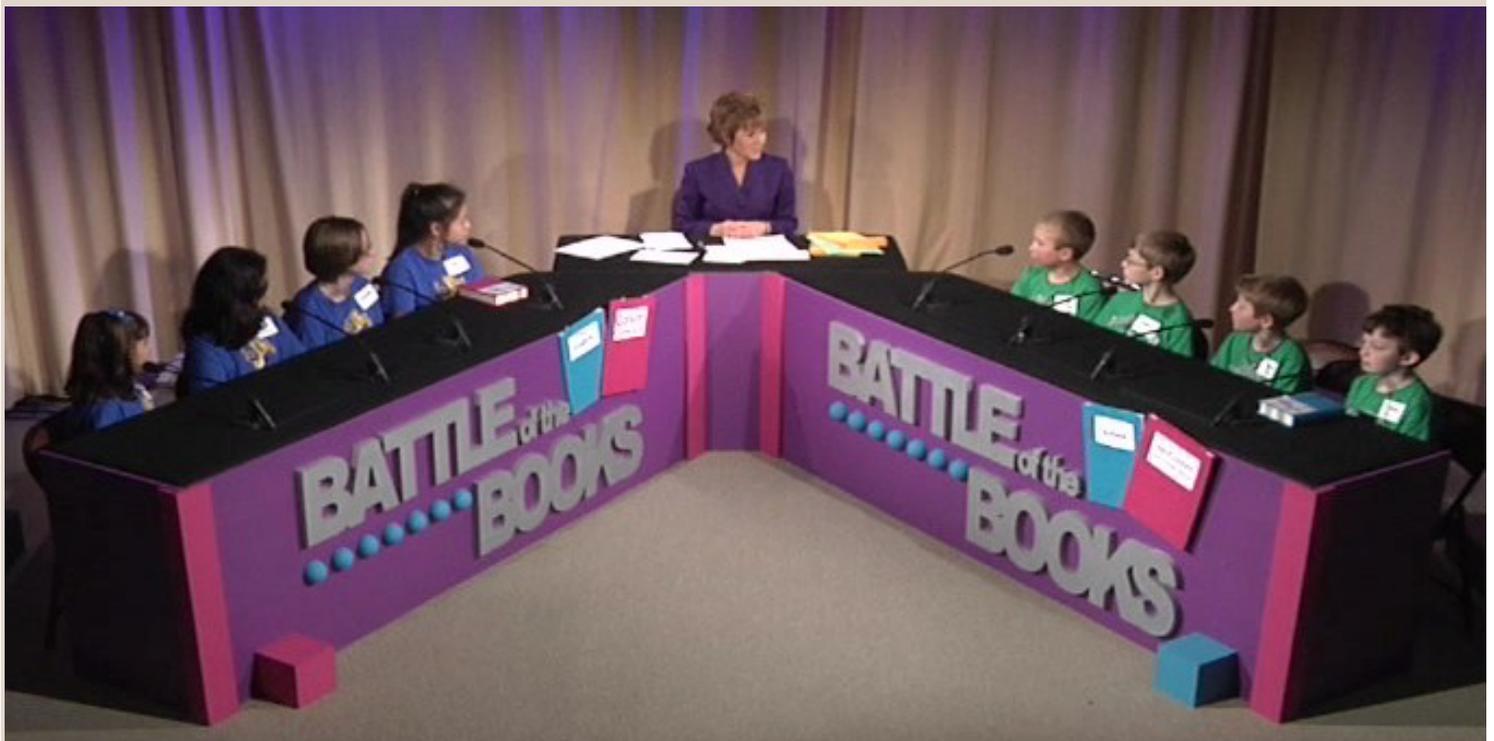


Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading competition designed for elementary school students. Student teams, consisting of four students from the same school in grades 3, 4 and/or 5, were given a list of 64 books to read. Each team needed to be familiar with events, characters and the authors of the books to answer the 20 questions. Students also gave a three-minute Book Talk about one title from the list. Each team drew a book title and was given fifteen minutes to prepare their presentation about the book. The points awarded for the Book Talk were added to the team's overall score.

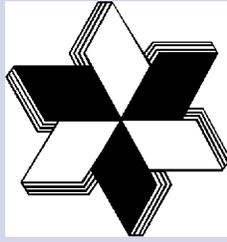
Local television personalities host the competitions. The competition is broadcast live on the school district's cable channel.

The School Library Advocacy Group of Wichita, Inc., provided funding to purchase a trophy for the winning team members of each game. The South Central Kansas Library System provided funding assistance with a Program Grant.

Students have been competing annually in Battle of the Books since 1995.



Events Happening at



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

Scrabble Fest

Are you a word nerd? Exercise your mind and join the fun as we play this classic board game. All levels of players are welcome, but you must be at least 16 years of age. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required, please call 303-8181.

Sunday, February 24th at 2 p.m. Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas



The 27th Annual Academy Award® Shorts

Save the date to see [Academy Award®-nominated short subjects](#)—films running 40 minutes or less—in animated, live action and documentary categories. One of the first places in the nation to offer this program, Wichita's series attracts hundreds of film fans annually.

Enjoy animated, live action and documentary categories at the [21st Street Warren Theatre](#) and the [Orpheum Theatre](#). As you attend, be sure to vote for your favorites so we can determine if Wichita's favorites match the Academy's winners.

All showings are FREE! (Just a note - films are not rated and may not be suitable for all audiences.)

All categories

- 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 21st Street Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St.
- 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, The Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway

Animated and Live Action

- 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, [Alford Branch Library](#), 3447 S. Meridian, 337-9119 (animated, then live action)
- 12 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, [Evergreen Branch Library](#), 2601 N. Arkansas, 303-8181 (live action / animated / live action)
- 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22, [Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library](#), 3051 E. 21st, 688-9580 (live action, then animated)

Animated only

- 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, [Westlink Branch Library](#), 8515 Bekemeyer, 337-9456 (animated only)

Documentaries only

- 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, [Rockwell Branch Library](#), 5939 E. 9th St., 688-9361 (documentaries)

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

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.

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Read WALA NEWS at:

<http://www.skyways.org/library/wala/walapubs.html>

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