

## Wichita Area Library Association

# WALA News

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Spring

Welcome to a new year! I hope this year will be as productive as the last one. I have taught over 60 library instruction classes this past semester, as well as designed library guides for a couple of classes and organized the library open houses and a student game night. Maybe spring will be just as exciting!

WALA has also been productive, hosting the Legislative Luncheon in November and the Holiday Party in December. The Luncheon was highly successful! We had Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Representatives Nile Dillmore, Mitch Holmes, Joe Scapa, Jean Schodorf, and Jim Ward in attendance.



I heard great things from guests about our speaker, Dr. David A. Nichols. He was not only able to relate his book *Eisenhower 1956: the President's Year of Crisis--Suez and the Brink of War* to the current situation in the Middle East, but explained to the legislators how important libraries are for historic preservation of congressional materials.

The legislators also enjoyed the photo opportunity provided by SCKLS. Tom Taylor and Ken Warner were available to take pictures, and Ken Warner graciously edited the photos with ALA READ software and sent the posters to each legislator. Most legislators had their own favorite book, although book covers from Wichita State University Libraries were available.

Thanks very much to the Board who helped plan this very important event and also to those who attended! It is important for legislators to understand the importance and impact of all types of libraries. It is also important for us as professional librarians, library employees, and library advocates to connect with policy makers.

Our holiday party was not so successful, although was still a lot of fun. Attendance was low, and non-guests complained about the time of day and day of the week. We typically hold the party on a Friday night in early December, but City Arts closes early on Fridays now, and required a rather high security fee, unlike last year. Other venues we considered were too expensive, unavailable, or undesirable.

Thanks to Jean Hatfield who offered the use of the community room at her Alford Branch Library, we were able to hold our party on a Sunday afternoon. Although attendance this year will be a consideration when we plan for next year, there will always be a certain percent of members with conflicts with any chosen day and time.

I hope you can make it next year! Everyone seems to bring their best recipes to the potluck and it is so fun to see everyone. Thanks again to board members who helped make this party and the Legislative Luncheon memorable events.

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# Welcome!

## NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new members this year:

Anita Brozik, Derby High School  
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We have a record number of new members this year! (Let Angela know if your name was omitted.) This brings us to 52 members. Many thanks to all of you who help us promote WALA. We think we offer quite a bit for your money. All events are subsidized, even those we charge, and the newsletter and Facebook page helps us all stay connected. Feel free to forward newsletters and e-mails to those who may want to join.

-Angela Paul

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

**WALA aims to help librarians network.**

# WALA Upcoming Events!

## WALA 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT--KLA 2012

It is time for celebration activities--WALA is 30 years old!!! KLA has approved our proposal to have an event on Thursday evening, April 12. We will have a reception at the Fidelity Bank, which was once the Carnegie Library, then a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House, ending with Black Bear Boseman's Keeper of the Plains. The trolley will either drop participants back off at the Hyatt or in Old Town. Participation will be limited to 50 people and there will be a cost of \$10. Join us for this great anniversary event!

Closer to the KLA Conference, look for an additional flyer plus check out the KLA conference program for more details.

Committee members are Sharon Ailsieger, Chair (McConnell AFB), Cindy Bailey (WPL), Betty Cattrell (Haysville PL), Kara Cole (WTC), Cassie Fahey (WPL), Janet Fowler (USD 259), Nancy Myers (WSU), Rita Severt (WATC), and Nancy Snyder (WPL).

## WALA ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 17 2012, 11:30 a.m.

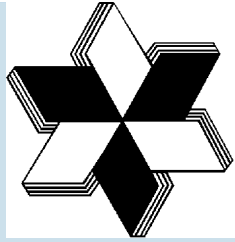
Thanks to Jeannette Parker (Friends U) and Janet Fowler (USD 259), we have a reservation for Eberly Farms on Thursday, May 17 at 11:30AM-1:30PM as well as keynote/entertainer Jeff Davidson. Jeff, <http://www.jeffdavidsonmusic.com/>, will talk about Kansas history and perform his music.

*Congratulations!*



Congratulations to Jackie White of McConnell Air Force Base Library. Jackie has won top Civilian I of the year. Jackie was chosen from the top civilians of all the bases within the Air Mobility Command.

Congratulations Jackie!



**WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
The Discovery Center  
[www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us)

### **Wichita Public Library's Big Spring Events**

You probably know the Wichita Public Library has tons of events for all ages, from babies under one year old through active seniors age 55 and better. Find a complete listing of Wichita Public's many events at [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us), or follow the Library on Facebook. Here are a few highlights in which you might be interested in participating!

#### **Kid Lit for Adults**

This informal book discussion focuses on quality children's literature. It's an opportunity for parents, grandparents, librarians, media specialists, and others to hear different perspectives and enhance their understanding of children's literature. Each session focuses on a different author/illustrator. Registration is required; see [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) for details. Come to one or all! (2 hours)

10:15 a.m., Saturdays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, and April 14, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas

#### **Telling Stories with Impact: A Workshop with Dylan Pritchett**

This workshop is designed to strengthen the storytelling skills of parents, teachers, librarians or anyone who wants to become a better storyteller! Pritchett's workshop will examine listening skills, voice inflection, body movement and purpose while having a whole lot of fun! Since 1990, Pritchett has been a full time storyteller, taking his African and African-American folktales to hundreds of schools throughout the country. He enjoys a close professional association with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where he performs and leads workshops for teachers on using storytelling in the classroom. Registration required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 18; call the Angelou Northeast Branch Library at 688-9580 to register. Part of the Library's African-American History Month Celebration; see [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) for a complete list and don't miss Pritchett's several public performances. (3 hours)

8:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st



### **William Allen White's Heartland Values**

William Allen White used the platform of the Emporia Gazette over a 50-year period to define the common values of the American Heartland. He believed that democracy and citizenship were at their best in small towns. In his editorials, speeches, and books, White talked about a citizenship ethic based on reason, kindness, and justice and advocated a middle class society as the best venue for practicing citizenship and democracy. Participants will hear various quotations from White's work, including passages drawn from his nationally-recognized editorials. Presented by Frederick A. Krebs and cosponsored by the Wichita Genealogical Society. (2 hours)

1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian

### **The 26th Annual Academy Award® Nominated Short Films**

Save the date for this annual event. This is Wichita's chance to see Academy Award®-nominated short subjects--films running 40 minutes or less--in animation, live action and documentary categories. One of the first places in the nation to offer this program, Wichita's program attracts hundreds of film fans each year. Films are not rated and may not be suitable for all audiences. Enjoy animated, live action and documentary categories at the Warren Old Town Theatre, 353 N. Mead, and the Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway. Most branch library showings will feature animated and live action shorts, although the Rockwell Branch Library's will feature documentaries only. New this year is a Friday afternoon showing, and all showings take place before the big show--the Academy Awards itself! Be sure to vote for your favorites so we can determine if Wichita's favorites match the Academy's winners. Watch [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) for more information as nominees are announced. All showings are FREE! (Running times vary)

10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, Warren Old Town Theatre, 353 N. Mead (all categories)

1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian (animation & live action)

5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, Westlink Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer (animation & live action)

5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas (animation & live action)

5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th (documentaries)

1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st (animation & live action)

10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, The Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway (all categories)

### **Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky: Photographing the West**

This national traveling exhibit unites the efforts of eight photographers working on three separate photography projects. Each project seeks to illuminate the beauty, tragedy, and strength of a different geographic region. Martin Stupich documents the lost of the wilderness, the red desert, to an energy boom in southern Wyoming. Central Kansas, the green prairie, is depicted by George Jerkovich in stunning panoramic photographs. The Llano Estacado ("Staked Plains") of northwest Texas is displayed by six artists tackling a variety of issues including the decline of cattle ranching, the difficulty of locating water, and the challenges of an economy shifting from agriculture to healthcare and education.

"Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky" is a program of Exhibits USA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Opening reception: 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 25, Central Library, 223 S. Main  
Exhibit typically available during business hours, Saturday, March 24, through Monday, April 30, Central Library, 223 S. Main



(IMAGE CREDIT: George Jerkovich, Near Nicodemus, c. 2000, archival inkjet print, 11 7/8 x 35 7/8 inches, Courtesy the artist. © George Jerkovich.)

# Conference Going

A fellow WALA member asked me recently about the KLA Conference. She is new and didn't know what to expect. While I am no more in the loop on what is happening this year than the average librarian, I thought I would share my past experiences here for those who are new to the library field and have never been to a library conference.

## 1. You take away what you put in

I am a firm believer in training of all kinds, but also believe that any training takes work to learn from it. Make sure you are ready for the conference by knowing what programs you want to attend, when and where they are, and make sure you have note taking supplies. Some conference programs provide handouts, others do not. It is always best to have some sort of notebook with you. Then make sure you pay attention. Believe me, by the last day your head might be whirling from overload, but good notes really help clear things up when you get back to your library. Also, I always carry a bag with me for the handouts and all the free stuff (see below).

## 2. Pick the programs that are the most helpful to your work

There is an abundance of sessions at conferences. How to pick with so many offerings? All conferences put each program into a "track". Tracks for last year's conference included "Administration and Leadership", "Children's Services", "Digital Information and Technology", and "Collection Management and Technical Services" to name a few. Going with what you want to learn most is important, as well as seeing which ones will be offered archived for later. If there is a time conflict between two of the sessions I want to go to, I like to see if anyone else I know is going to one of them. Then I ask them to take notes for me.

## 3. Conferences are great for networking

I love going to conferences because I get to see so many colleagues that I don't normally get to socialize with. Conferences are a great networking resource. You get caught up on what else is going on in the library world, not just by attending the sessions, but by making those connections with others in the library community. So attend some of those after hours fun sessions and some of the special programs like the State Librarian's Luncheon. They are worth the extra money. For example in the past, there was a trivia night fundraiser. A great time to hang out with fellow conference goers. This year WALA is planning a fun function. See page 4 for details!

## 4. Free Stuff

Let's face it, one of the draws of a conference is the free stuff you get. Vendors are excellent at giving out posters and information, not to mention pens and candy, at their booths. And who misses an opportunity to get those cute kitty Baker and Taylor bags! At some conferences, vendors also give away free advanced copies of books, which can be a great supplement to your library collection or giveaways at programs.

Check out the KLA Conference 2012 page here: <http://kslibassoc.org/home/conference/conference-2012/>. I hope to see each and every one of you there.

-Amy Arnold

**Happy Conference Going!**



**2012 Kansas Library Association Conference**

**April 11-13, 2012**

**Hyatt Hotel and Conference Center**

**Wichita, Kansas**

**Make sure you pick up your WALA ribbon at the KLA registration desk!**

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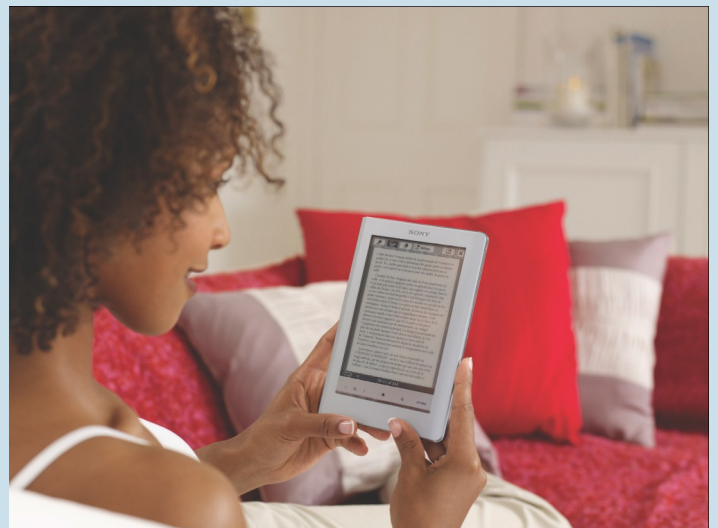
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## Calling for Nominations for the 2012

### KLA Presidential Awards

The Kansas Library Association is calling for nominations for the **2012 Presidential Awards**. Nominations must be submitted by **February 15, 2012**.

- **Library Advocate** -

- Nominees not employed in library service either now or in the past.

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- **New Professional** -

- Nominees who have earned a professional degree within the last five years, and who are currently employed in library service.

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- **Library Personnel** -

- Nominees who are currently employed in library service or have retired from such service.

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- **Meritorious Service** -

- Nominees who have provided exemplary, sustained service.

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Download and complete the [Nomination Form](#) (.doc), which contains information on the procedures for nominating for this honor. Please send the completed nomination packet to Emily Sitz, KLA Past President, as indicated on this form.

## 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.**

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