



Spring Newsletter

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Message from the President



Jean Hatfield,
WALA President,
Wichita Public Library

What is WALA? The simple answer is in our name: Wichita Area Library Association. But there is so much more to WALA that lies beneath the surface. Here's what I see when I see **WALA:**

W – Wide cross-section of librarians – geographically, by library type, and by position type. One of the benefits of being in a library association is getting to know people from other libraries. With WALA, we get to know people who work in or promote libraries throughout the South Central Kansas area. Public librarians get to know academic librarians. School librarians spend time with members of Friends groups. And we all gain a better understanding of what library service is in our area.

A – Activities. The WALA Board tries to plan opportunities that allow members to get together in an informal setting. We've had library tours, holiday parties, legislative luncheons and our annual meeting. We also volunteer to help out with library conferences when they are in our area. All of these events have given members and others a chance to network and to have fun at the same time.

L – Learning and laughing. WALA Board meetings and other events are full of laughter. We enjoy each other's company and are rewarded for our volunteer efforts by having a good time together. As librarians we also enjoy learning new things, so it is important to us to provide opportunities such as the recent Spring Symposium, programs at the KLA conference and other continuing education events.

A – Ask! This is a two-way street. First, ask us! If you have ideas or suggestions for a program or event, we'd love to hear them. Ask for activities that are meaningful or interesting to you or your colleagues. Second, ask others! I got involved in WALA because someone graciously invited me to an annual meeting and introduced me to others in the group. I became a member of the board because someone asked me if I would like to serve. And I realized that there are others out there just waiting to be asked to be a part of our organization. So ask!

WALA 2013-2014

Leadership

Officers

<p>President 2013 - 2014 Jean Hatfield Alford and Linwood Branches, Wichita Public Library 316-337-9119 jhatfield@wichita.gov</p>	<p>Treasurer 2013 - 2015 (vacant)</p>
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Find Us on Facebook!

Don't keep WALA the best-kept secret in Kansas library land. Like us on Facebook and invite your friends to do the same. We are nearing 100 friends on Facebook, so help us get over that milestone before our annual meeting!



Upcoming Events

May 22: Annual Meeting
 (See next page for details!)

August 25 (tentative): First WALA Board meeting for 2014-15

September 18 (tentative):
 Meet the Profession — New staff members and recent library school graduates will be invited to meet Wichita area librarians.

Board of Directors

<p>Max Burson 2012-2014 Friends University mburson@friends.edu</p>	<p>Kristi Jacobs 2013 - 2015 Bradford Memorial Library (El Dorado, KS) 316-321-3363 kjacobs@eldoks.com</p>
<p>Sue Koenig 2013 - 2015 Clearwater Public Library sue.koenig2002@gmail.com</p>	<p>Kendra Mork 2012 - 2014 Goddard Public Library kmork@goddardlibrary.com</p>
<p>Cindy Pfeiffer 2013 - 2015 Circle High School Towanda KS cpfeiffer95@gmail.com</p>	<p>Rita Severt 2012 - 2014 Wichita Area Technical College 316-677-1916 rsevert@watc.edu</p>

Annual Meeting

Date: 5/22/2014
Time: 11:30am

- **Program: “Celebrating 75 years of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum” presented by Eric Cale, Executive Director. Learn about the past, present and future of the museum.**
- **Business meeting and election of officers**

Corporate Caterers
29th & Rock Road
Wichita, KS

\$20 for members
\$25 for non-members

For reservations, contact Kendra Mork no later than **May 15**.
kmork@goddardlibrary.com

Vegetarian and gluten free menu available upon request.

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WALA Spring Symposium

The WALA Spring Symposium was held on April 7 at the USD 259 School Service Center. Our presenters were Nicole Sump-Crethar, Oklahoma State University; Wendy Johnson, USD 259; Gwen Lehman, Ft. Larned USD 495; and Abi Crouse and Racine Zackula, Wichita Public Library.



Abi Crouse (l) and Racine Zackula (r), Wichita Public Library, gave us information about social media.

WALA Annual Election

The current board is pleased to present the following candidates for open officer and board positions. The nominating committee, consisting of WALA members Cindy Bailey, Ruth Harries and Jeanette Parker, worked with existing leadership and current members to produce the 2014 ballot. The election will take place at the annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, May 22. Members must be present in order to vote. Space for write-in candidates will be provided. As always, if you would like to become more involved with WALA leadership, please contact a WALA board member for information.

Officers

Vote for one candidate for each position.

Vice-President/President Elect (2014-17):
Kristi Jacobs, El Dorado Public Library*

Treasurer (2014-15):
Kendra Mork, Goddard Public Library**†

Secretary (2014-16):
Angela Paul, Wichita State University

*Currently a WALA board member

General Board Members

Two-Year Term (2014-16)

Vote for three candidates.

Max Burson, Friends University*
Steve Hamersky, Newman University
Tom Taylor, Andover Public Library
Rita Severt, Wichita Area Technical College*
Nancy Snyder, Wichita Public Library

*Currently a WALA board member

† The terms of office for secretary and treasurer usually alternate, with a treasurer elected in odd years and a secretary elected in even years. The current treasurer, Joe Forte, Newman University, is retiring; Kendra's term will complete the second half of the existing term. Kristi is currently in the middle of her current term as a board member and the board appointed Jeanette Parker to complete her term. Any questions regarding the upcoming election may be directed to the nominating committee or any member of the current WALA board.

Join WALA

Do you know a library staff member who would enjoy the social interaction and networking opportunities that WALA offers? Do you have a co-worker 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

Kendra Mork, WALA Treasurer
Goddard Public Library
201 N. Main St.
Wichita, KS 67213

Membership forms can be found on our website:

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

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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