

# WALA NEWS

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## WALA's 2002-2003 Highlights

- Summer Reading Programs' Success
- Legislative agenda promotion
- National Library Week proclamation in honor
- Tri-Conference presentation
- Increasing library visibility on local TV

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## From the President...

Valorie Starr (vstarr@friends.edu)

Greetings! While the WALA newsletter has been inactive as of late, rest assured that the WALA membership has not. This will be our third summer to do the WALA Traveling Show. This has been WALA's effort to reach out to small rural public libraries in the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) and promote reading to young children. I cannot give enough credit to Sharon Ailsieger of McConnell AFB, Rita Severt of Newman University, Betty Batten of Friends University, and a dedicated group of Newman students for making it possible. Thanks also go to Joe Forte and David Pappas for donating student hours to the project.

The annual WALA Holiday Party on December 13, 2002, at Friends University was a fun-filled evening. A potluck dinner was followed by a spirited book exchange. 25 people attended.

Several WALA members traveled to Topeka on the SCKLS-sponsored bus for Legislative Day in February. Several of us were able to meet with our representatives. KLA provided very snappy folders with flyers for each representative which made it easy to promote this year's legislative agenda.

WALA presented at Tri-Conference in 2002



and 2003 about the development of our skit. We received positive feedback on these and saw increased attendance in 2003.

Rita Severt worked very hard at preparing a proposal for the ALA/Grolier "@your library" grant. While we weren't awarded the grant, Rita's work generated some excellent ideas which created other contacts and public relations opportunities for WALA.

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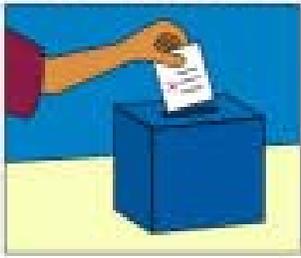
## WALA Traveling Show's Third Season

Rita Severt (sevartr@newmanu.edu)

The third season of the WALA Traveling Show is in the planning stages. "Laugh it up @ your library" utilizing laughing animals is the theme for the Summer Reading Program, so the group has named the show, "Animal Nonsense." Sharon Ailsieger, president-elect of WALA, returns as director with Betty Batten as the artistic director. Betty and Rita Severt have organized the schedule of shows, which includes at least 28 different venues. Librarians starting to come forward to be a part of this fun, but fulfilling project and rehearsals will be ongoing until the shows begin on June 9th. If you would like take part, you are asked to come to at least a couple of rehearsals to get the feel. We will be working on making a videotape of the rehearsals for those who really, really are interested, but can't make the rehearsals. For more information on participating, call or e-mail Sharon Ailsieger at 316-759-4207 (sharon.ailsiegar@mcconnell.af.mil or sailslieger@netscape.net.) or Rita Severt at 316-942-4291, ext. 210 (sevartr@newmanu.edu) If you have stuffed farm animals, cow hats or frog hats and would not mind them being out on tour all summer, call Betty Batten at 316-295-5603 (bbatten@friends.edu)

## Your Voice Counts: Election Time is Coming Up

### Voting Booth



At the annual luncheon in June, WALA elects officers for the coming year. Sharon Ailsieger, McConnell AFB librarian and WALA show producer, is our incoming president. Allan Tanner's two-

year term as treasurer is up, but he is willing to be re-elected if the membership approves. We need a secretary and a president-elect (who becomes president the following year). We may also have one or two Board positions open as well. I'm asking for

volunteers at this time. If you'd like to take a more active role, please contact me. You also can use a form provided in this newsletter to nominate the candidates.

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Betty Batten narrates the Wa-La Traveling Show performance at the WALA Annual Luncheon.



## Join Us at Annual WALA Luncheon

**When:**  
12 pm, Friday, June 6

**Where:**  
Scotch and Sirloin

**Menu:**  
salad, roll, Hawaiian chicken w/ rice pilaf, vegetable, dessert, beverage

**Cost:**  
\$14 (bring payment with you on the 6th or send to Allan Tanner, WPL)

**Speaker:**  
a member of Arts Partners, a comprehensive educational program designed to integrate the arts into all areas

of the school curriculum.

RSVP by 5pm, Monday, June 2

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## From the President *(continued from page 1)*

WALA made its presence known on local television twice this spring! Thanks to the efforts of Betty Cattrell, Director of the Haysville Community Library, WALA received a proclamation in honor of National Library Week from the Sedgwick County Commission. I accepted it on behalf of WALA from Tim Norton and made a short speech. The meeting was April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it was broadcast on Channel 7. The following week, Barbara Bahn of KSN Channel 3 interviewed several library professionals at the new Alford Regional Branch Library. Sound bites aired on several newscasts that week.

I have enjoyed being WALA president this past year. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated library people in our area who give generously

of their time. Their efforts have helped further WALA's image and made my job much easier! I expect that WALA will be even more active next year under the tutelage of Sharon Ailsieger. The WALA annual luncheon will be Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Scotch and Sirloin. Please come and enjoy a presentation by Arts Partners while networking with your colleagues. Consider running for one of WALA's offices. It's a great way to get to make contacts and support your profession locally.

Best wishes,  
Valorie Starr  
Friends University



## From the Editors

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This is our first issue as the new editors. We were invited to do the WALA News by WALA President, Valorie Starr. By accepting this honorary assignment, we promise to keep you informed about Wichita Area libraries' news in a timely manner. A new editorship usually brings with it changes in style, and as you can see this issue of the newsletter has a little different design. We have some new ideas about organization of materials, but

mainly we want to follow the tradition of this publication, which was begun by our predecessors, Brandi Puls and Mary Walker. The WALA News will be published irregularly about five times per year as it was before. We would like to invite your submissions about your library initiatives and events, program lectures, collection and service enhancements, your thoughts on librarian's life and problems, professional

topics and opinion, interesting facts you want to share with your colleagues.

From this issue, the newsletter will be published online. Let us know if you still want to receive a printed copy of WALA News. To be added to the mailing list, please fill out the WALA membership form available on the last page of this newsletter, or call Valorie Starr (316-295-5808)



Susan Matveyeva



Nan Myers

### 2003/2004 WALA Officers Nomination Form

Vice President/President Elect \_\_\_\_\_

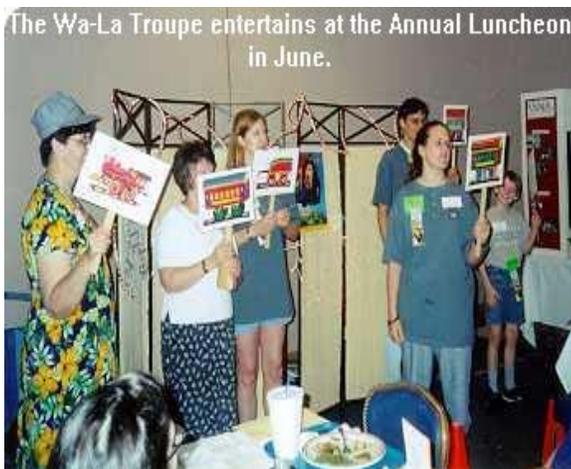
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

WALA Board \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Valorie Starr ([vstarr@friends.edu](mailto:vstarr@friends.edu))

Self-nominations are welcome. WALA needs you!

*Annual dues time!  
Renew your  
WALA  
2003-2004  
dues for  
\$12.00 by  
June 30*





## ***PLANT GRASSROOTS AT YOUR LIBRARY!***

Dear WALA Members.

On May 12 and 13, 2003, I was privileged to be part of the Kansas Delegation to ALA Washington Day, which is also known as **National Library Legislation Day**.

On May 12, we participated in an intense day of training from ALA called "Legislative Briefing Day." We then spent May 13 as a group calling on the offices of all our state Senators and Representatives to tell them about the great programs and activities taking place in Kansas libraries, and to ask for their support for library programs and funding.

The six Kansas delegates were: Duane Johnson (State Librarian), Rosanne Goble (Executive Director, KLA), Emily Sitz (Liberal Memorial Library, District #1), Bob Walters (Pittsburg State University Library, District #2), Jean Hatfield (Johnson County Library, District #3), and Nan Myers (Wichita State University Libraries, District #4). We distributed packets from ALA detailing the legislation we are interested in, and also a Kansas LSTA Fact Sheet detailing the impacts on our state of LSTA 2002-2003.

ALA makes it very easy to track library issues and legislation from its "**Legislative Action Center**." Don't know how to quickly contact your Senators or Representative? This e-mail feature by zip code is also at the "Legislative Action Center." You can track their votes too!! **Check it out at:** <http://congress.nw.dc.us/ala/home/> Below, you will find an abbreviated "**Key Issues Checklist**" from the ALA Office of Government Relations. If you want longer explanations, see the "Related Files:" [http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Offices/ALA\\_Washington/Events10/National\\_Library\\_Legislative-Day.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/ALA_Washington/Events10/National_Library_Legislative-Day.htm)

### **What Do We Want?**

Appropriations FY 2004  
Fund LSTA, ESEA, GPO and other important library programs.

Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)  
Support reauthorization of LSTA in the House (H.R. 13) and co-sponsor and support

LSTA in the Senate (S. 888).  
We're asking for \$250 million.

Government Information  
Restore Access and Protect Security.

Literacy Through School Libraries  
Increase funding for FY2004.

Copyright  
Fight for Fair Use. Co-Sponsor H.R. 107.

E-Rate  
Keep the E-Rate!

E-SPY  
Protect privacy and strength oversight.

Please feel free to contact me about any further information regarding library legislative issues. Since I am on the KLA Legislative Committee, I'd be glad to respond to questions about Kansas legislation as well.

Sincerely,

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*Fund LSTA, ESEA, GPO and other important Library Programs*

*Reauthorize Library Services & Technology Act*

*Improve Access to Government Information and Protect Security*

*Increase Funding for School Libraries*

*Fight for Fair Use Copyright Law*

*Keep the E-Rate!*

*Protect privacy and Strength Oversight*

**Write to Congress**  
Enter ZIP Code  
  
**Find Your Reps** **go**

# June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Cheney</i> <i>Ster-</i>	10 <i>Augusta</i> <i>Ark City</i>	11	12 <i>Rose Hill</i> <i>Butler CC</i>	13 <i>Wellington</i> <i>Winfield</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Andale</i>	25 <i>Cunningham</i> <i>Kingman</i>	26	27	28
29	30					

## Traveling Summer Show 2003 Schedule

June 9	Cheney, 10:00 am	July 16	Kiowa, 10:30 am
June 9	Sterling, 2:00 pm	July 16	Hardtner, 2:00 pm
June 10	Augusta, 10:30 am	July 21	Halstead, 10:00 am
June 10	Arkansas City, 2:00 pm	July 21	Moundridge, 1:00 pm
June 12	Rose Hill, 10:00 am	July 21	Canton, 3:00 pm
June 12	Butler CC, 2:00 pm	July 22	Harper, 10:30 am
June 13	Wellington, 10:00 am	July 22	Anthony, 2:00 pm
June 13	Winfield, 1:00 pm	July 23	Colwich, 10:15 am
June 24	Andale, 10:00 am	July 23	Mt. Hope, 12:30 pm
June 25	Cunningham, 10:00 am	July 24	Medicine Lodge, 10:00 am
June 25	Kingman, 2:00 pm	July 24	St. John, 1:30 pm
July 3	Goddard, 10:30 am	July 30	Marquette, 10:30 am
July 9	Benton Grade School, 10 am	July 30	Pretty Prairie, 2:00 pm
July 9	South Haven, 2:00 pm		

# July 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Goddard</i>	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Benton South Haven</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Kiowa Hardtner</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Halstead Moundridge Canton</i>	22 <i>Harper Anthony</i>	23 <i>Colwich Mt. Hope</i>	24 <i>Med. Lodge St. John</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Marquette Pretty Prairie</i>	31		

## Save a Hundred Times More *Allan Tanner, WALA Treasurer-for-life*

The last time I wrote a “renew your WALA membership” message like this, I was urging members to mail their renewals soon, to beat the 3-cent increase in postage rates, from 34 cents to 37 cents.

Today I bring even greater savings opportunity: Save **THREE DOLLARS!**

At our annual meeting last June, we voted to raise WALA’s annual dues to \$15.00 from \$12.00 (BTW, that sentence is written in *Wall Street Journal* numbers, they always say the later one first, instead of, in this case saying that dues were increasing from \$12.00 to \$15.00). I am sure you were dying to know that tidbit.

Here’s the deal. If I receive your check for your 2003-2004 membership before July 1, you may renew at the old rate of \$12.00. On July 1 or later, the rate will be \$15.00. I will even accept a June 30 postmark.

Please send your membership application to me at Wichita Public Library, as specified on the form.



Submit your materials for WALA News to Susan Matveyeva, Wichita State University Libraries, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0068 phone: (316) 978-5139 fax: (316) 978-3048 susan.matveyeva@wichita.edu

**WALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2003-2004**

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Position:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Institution:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone :* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Address, if desired:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Telephone, if desired:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Should WALA correspondence be addressed to you at work\_\_\_ or at home\_\_\_?*

*Would you like a receipt? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_*

*Is this a renewal\_\_\_, or a new membership\_\_\_?*

*If this is a renewal, have you had a change in name\_\_\_, position\_\_\_, institution\_\_\_, or home address (when provided)\_\_\_? Please check any that apply and supply the OLD information below. (This will help us to keep our mailing list up-to-date.)*

*Please mark any of the following WALA Committees on which you would be willing to serve:*

\_\_\_ *Membership*      \_\_\_ *Finance*      \_\_\_ *Programs*  
\_\_\_ *Co-operating Libraries*      \_\_\_ *Communications*      \_\_\_ *Community Relations*

Please return this form, along with your check made payable the Wichita Area Library Association for \$15.00 for renewal and new full year memberships (\$12.00 of postmarked by June 30, 2003), or \$7.50 for a trial membership. WALA's year is from July 1 to June 30. Kindly send the form and the money to: Allan Tanner, Wichita Public Library, 223 S. Main St. Wichita, KS 67202