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From the President...
*Sharon Ailslieger (*Sharon.Ailsliegar@mcconnell.af.mil)

Hello All:
   Yes, WALA does have a President. Unfortunately, August seemed to speed by and my good intentions sped by with it. But, hopefully I can catch up. A Board meeting has been held, and we do have a FULL Board. Some items for discussion included a Legislative Luncheon to be held in November. The date chosen was TENTATIVELY November 13th.   There will be a Christmas party in December. Remember that by attending WALA functions you can get to meet other area librarians and networking can be VERY important.
For those of you who may not know EXACTLY who I am, I will give a little background info! Currently, I am Reference Librarian at McConnell AFB Library.
However, I have been a librarian since 1978 with my first position working at Boeing Engineering Library. I spent eleven years at the Friends University Library and six years at the Finney County Public Library in

Garden City. This is my second time as WALA President and I think that WALA is an important part of the library community.
       Please plan to attend WALA functions and be a part of this important community.

Sharon Ailslieger,
WALA President

WALA Traveling Show Rewarding Experience

 It was a GREAT SUMMER!! The WALA cast presented a show to THIRTY Libraries in South Central Kansas. Some of these are libraries that have scheduled the show for all three years that it has been in existence. Our audiences included all ages and ranged in size from 10 to 100 persons in attendance. Not all programs were held in the community library and often we were fed lunch at quaint restaurants. Kansas hospitality was everywhere !! A BIG THANK YOU goes to the cast which included: Sharon Ailslieger, McConnell AFB Library, Rita Sevart-Kansas Newman University, Valorie Starr—Friends University, Betty Battin—Friends University, Nancy Malone—SCKLS and several young people affiliated with Friends University and Newman University. We sang, danced, told jokes, read stories, and did puppetry and all in the name of comedy and "Laughter at the Library." We began gathering materials and practicing in April, with our first show in June. It takes time and work, but the rewards are well worth it!! I am not sure if we will do it again next year, but if we do— think about joining us.
P.S. A big thank you to the LIBRARY DIRECTORS who worked with summer schedules which allowed time for this worthwhile project!

Sharon Ailslieger, Director
WALA Traveling Show

Wichita State University Libraries welcome Dean Rao

Dean Pal Rao started to work at WSU in September. For the previous 15 years, he was Dean of Libraries at Central Missouri State University and before that he headed the Information Systems and Media Services Department at Eastern Illinois University.

In the interview *to Inside WSU Online Edition*, he said, "My ultimate goal is to create the best possible teaching and learning environment on this campus." I think that this is not a cliché, but a responsible meaningful statement. He uses in his management the system approach, which allows one to build the dynamic structure and see clearly the role of every person involved in the process of library services functioning and improvement. His vision of the library as the core of the academy is based on a deep understanding of the correlation between recorded knowledge and historical improvement of human life. I was impressed by his formula "the quality of your life depends on the quality of information you have access to," which defines the contemporary philosophy of information profession. Dean Rao's dynamic innovative approach to librarianship, ability to put practical questions to the wide historical context and energetic leadership style attracts the WSU community. Library staff communicate actively with the Dean, developing a shared vision of problems and effective ways to better serve our clients.

The one and half years that I have worked at WSU is not a long time, but it is long enough to notice that the library faculty and staff are hard-working people who care deeply about the quality of their work. Dean Rao told us that his goal is to make our library a better place. Wish us to succeed.

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Pal Rao

Kaizen Comes to Technical Services

Wichita State University's motto is: "Thinkers, doers, movers, shocker," which is an apt description of what went on at University Libraries the week of September 29-October 3.

A team composed of two library assistants, one department head, one reference faculty, and one associate dean from the library; four WSU Industrial Engineering students; and one Boeing engineer participated in the Boeing Global Kaizen Seminar held at Boeing in Wichita. Kaizen means "beneficial change" in Japanese and is the name of a process of re-engineering. The team *thought* about changes we could make, *did* plenty of activities, actually *moved* work areas around, and *shocked* a lot of our colleagues with the end results: reducing cycle time for library materials from five to three weeks.

We prepared for training by meeting several times during the weeks before the event. After an intensive Accelerated Improvement Workshop training session on the first day of the seminar, we returned to the campus to map our strategy. Our goals were to redesign the physical layout of Technical Services to facilitate flow, reduce in-process inventory time, and reduce the time it took for a piece of library material to wend its way through the incumbent system. To reduce in-process inventory time, we designed and fabricated some smaller book trucks and moved work spaces closer to the inventory. As a result, we were able to reduce cycle time from five weeks to three weeks and have

Bev Henline and WSU IE students

made recommendations to reduce it even further to eight days.

The week was hectic, beginning at 6:30 Monday morning with opening presentations and ending Friday afternoon after final reports and a celebratory pizza party. Lessons learned are that diversity of background and experience lead to synergy; the ability to make on-the-spot decisions

Nan Myers Wins Award

Nan Myers, Associate Professor and Librarian for Government Documents, Patents and Trademarks at Wichita State University, has been awarded the prestigious LexisNexis/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People Award." This award is presented to the individual, library, institution, or other non-commercial group that has most effectively encouraged the use of government documents in support of library service. The award includes a cash stipend to be used to support a project of the recipient's choice. Congressional Information Service, Inc. founded this award in 1977 and LexisNexis is continuing to sponsor it. This award was given in recognition of Nan's leadership in cataloging, advocacy for state and local documents, and especially in the development of the

Documents Data Miner (DDM) tool. Documents Data Miner is an interactive web tool designed to support management of federal depository library collections, especially in their collection development work. The enhanced version of DDM, Documents Data Miner 2, also provides access to MARC records created by the Cataloging Division of the Government Printing Office; searchable shipping lists; and a public user's catalog for government information.

Both DDM and DDM2 were developed by University Libraries and University Computing at WSU, and are a partnership between WSU and the Federal Depository Library Program of the GPO. Over 1300 federal depository libraries in the program use DDM, including 18 in Kansas. DDM and DDM2 can be found online at http://govdoc.wichita.edu/ddm

or http://govdoc.wichita.edu/ddm2 What makes this award special to Nan is that her colleagues nominated her for it. She is especially pleased that many people's working lives have been made better due to her work.

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Pictures: WALA President Sharon Ailslieger with her colleagues have fun performing at WALA Traveling Show (on the left). Children have fun too :another WALA Traveling Show moment (on the right) .

WSU to Host CULS Conference

On October 23 and 24, 2003, Wichita State University Libraries will host the annual conference of the College and Universities Libraries Section of the KLA. The theme of this year's conference is

"Bailing Wire and Duct Tape: Keeping It Together, Moving Forward." The keynote speaker will be a futurist, Dr. Edward Hammond, President of Fort Hays State, whose topic will deal with the

future of higher education. The Conference will take place at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex on 29th & N. Oliver, and the evening event will be dinner and a play at Mosley Street Melodrama.

Registration form and schedule are available online: http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ KLA/divisions/culs/ conferenceschedule.htm

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Technology Training Day on Thursday, November 6

Plans are underway for the Wichita Area Library Association and South Central Kansas Library System's annual Technology Training Day on November 6, 2003 at Friends University in Wichita. The keynote speaker this year is Beverly J. Davis from Purdue University. Beverly coined the term technoism to define our reliance on technology in various organizations. "It is not technophobia or fear of technology. The concept of technoism includes people's being afraid to challenge technology-for-technology's-sake for fear of being labeled old-fashioned." Beverly is an Associate Professor and department coordinator of Organizational Leadership and Supervision at Purdue. She will help us look at technology as it relates to changes in behavior and the consequences to our personal and professional lives.

Following the presentation, attendees will divide into library types to share thoughts and questions on the presentation. The groups will then come back together before lunch to report to the entire assembly. The afternoon will offer workshops on using digital cameras, front desk safety, grant writing, several hands-on sessions dealing with medical and legal databases and the new databases provided by the KAN-ED initiative and much more.

Make plans now to be a part of Technology Day 2003. Registration forms are on p. 5-6 of this newsletter.

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Kaizen Comes to Technical Services *(cont. from p.2)*

is critical; crude and fast over slow and fancy gets immediate results and can be refined later; and it's never too late to make your own book truck. The last lesson refers to the experience long-time Library Assistant Bev Henline had when she was one of two team members who actually fabricated a small, light-weight book truck to specifications designed by the team. University Libraries' team members were Gwen Alexander, Associate Dean for Administration and Team Leader; Sha Li Zhang, Head of Technical Services and leader; Beth Smith, Assistant Professor and Science and Engineering Librarian; and Beverly Henline and Connie Basquez, Library Assistants III in Technical Services. John Williams, Library Assistant III and Manager of Acquisitions, served as Team Consultant. The team was coached by Dennis Moon, of Boeing, and the Kaizen Sensei (master) was Steve McConnell, also of Boeing.

Gwen Alexander

MESSAGE FROM A TREASURER: Making a List and Checking it Twice

So far, WALA has had 30 members renew for the July 2003 through June 2004 period. If you are one of these members, your address label should say "pd2004." If you have not renewed (according to my records, which are not infallible), the word "No" will appear on your label.

Changing your status to paid is relatively easy. Just send a check to me. Actually, send a check to WALA, but mail it to me. The membership renewal form appears at the end of the newsletter and at the WALA News online.
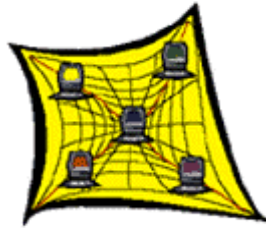
Thank you.

Allan Tanner

Wichita Area Library Association
and
South Central Kansas Library System

Technology Training Day 2003

Thursday, November 6
Friends University
William Penn Lecture Hall-Science Building
College of Business & Information Technology

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Library:_____

Mailing Address_____
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E-Mail_____

Phone_____

On the back of this form, place an checkmark in the box next to
the sessions you plan to attend and then return form to:

SCKLS Technology Training Day
901 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501
OR
Fax both sides of form to: (620) 663-1215
Registration deadline: Friday, October 24, 2003

REGISTRATION FORM

Place a check mark next to each session you plan on attending
and return to SCKLS by Friday, October 24, 2003.

	9:15 – 11:30 OPENING SESSION
	Technology as a Tool presented by Beverly J. Davis
	1:00 – 2:45
	LIMIT 30 A Prescription For Information: MEDLINEplus
	LIMIT 30 KAN-ED Databases: *Custom Newspapers & Literature Resource Center*
	1:00 – 1:50
	Grappling With Internet Irritants
	Homeschoolers, Library and the Internet
	Technology Futures and How To Pay For Them
	1:55 – 2:45
	Copyright, Technology and Fair Use
	PowerPoint : Beyond the Basics
	Fun Sites for Choosey Kids
	3:00 – 4:45
	LIMIT 30 KAN-ED Databases: *HeritageQuest & ProQuest Nursing Journals*
	Legal Resources on the Internet
	3:00 – 3:50
	Front Desk Safety
	LIMIT 20 Getting the Most Out of Your Digital Camera
	LIMIT 30 KAN-ED Databases: World Book
	3:55 – 4:45
	Work Smarter With Spreadsheets
	AV Materials Repair
	LIMIT 30 KAN-ED Databases: World Book (repeat session)
	Please retain a copy of this completed form for your use.

WALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2003-2004

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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, 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