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## From the President...

*Sharon Ailsliieger* ([Sharon.Ailsliegar@mccconnell.af.mil](mailto:Sharon.Ailsliegar@mccconnell.af.mil))

Things are happening in the library world and WALA is part of it. Several WALA members were in Topeka to lobby our legislators about library issues. The new State Librarian was introduced by the Governor, a reception was held and pictures were taken (with yours truly). WALA was there!! The final meeting of the Funding Task Force was held in Abilene and WALA was there!! Tri-conference was March 30-April 1 and WALA was there! We competed with ten other teams at the "Give KLA a Leg Up" Geography Bee competition on Thursday evening. Our team - **Rita Severt, Betty Batten, and Sharon Ailsliieger** - came in second!! It was fun, even if we did not win.

On June 9 we will have the WALA Annual meeting— Plan To Be There! We will be electing officers, voting on changes to by-laws, and hearing an excellent speaker, the new State Librarian **Christie Brandau**. If you have not met her yet, this would be a great opportunity get to know her. If, at this time, you are interested on serving on the WALA Board, please contact me. **Nan Myers** will be President and cannot do it alone!!

Also, the WALA Traveling Show will again be "on the road" this summer. If anyone is interested in taking part in this wonderful, fun production—contact me.

Finally, some thank yous are in order. The Christmas Party was fun with good food



and fellowship. Board member **Elaine Harvey** did a great job of providing a place and getting everything organized. Another thank you to **Rita Severt** for providing a meeting place for the WALA Board until a permanent place could be found. A President cannot do it alone and I have lots of good help.

*Sharon Ailsliieger*  
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See p. 2 for details on the WALA Annual Meeting

## PLEASE LET US KNOW

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# WALA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

by Sharon Ailsieger

## LIBRARY FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

The final report of the Library Funding and Governance Task Force has come out and been presented to the KLA Legislative Committee. The focus of this task force was better funding for libraries through the formation of district libraries. However, the task force was also concerned that no manifest harm be done to the seven library systems of Kansas. After several meetings at

which all System Directors, several librarians, and the KLA Executive Director were present, a report was submitted which includes seeking (over time) new state appropriations for libraries. The regional library systems and libraries serving more than 100,000 population would be recognized as statewide resources. In the case of the regional library systems, such funding would be considered as compensation for the loss of tax base due to expanding local library districts. Another result of the task force

was a request to amend the district library statute (K.S.A. 12-12326 et seq.) to allow the formation of district libraries which include cities of the first or second classes. WALA was represented by President, **Sharon Ailsieger**.

## LIBRARIES IN TOPEKA

KLA Legislative Day in Topeka was held February 17 and WALA was well represented by **Sharon Ailsieger**, President, **Rita Sevart** (Newman Uni-

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Attention!! Attention!! Attention!! Attention!! Attention!!

## The WALA ANNUAL MEETING

**Guest Speaker: Christie Brandau, State Librarian**

**When: Thursday, June 9th, 11:30 AM**

Lunch served at 11:45 AM

**Where: Olive Tree Restaurant**

2949 N Rock Rd Wichita, KS 67226 Phone: 316-636-1100

Lunch cost \$ 12.00

To make your reservation please send your check to Sharon Ailsieger

1421 S. Lark Lane, Wichita KS 67209

Sharon 's phones: 773-7420(H) or 759-4207(W)

# WALA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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versity), **Janet Sharp** (Valley Center), **Betty Cattrell** (Haysville) and several others. There were over 20 librarians on the bus. We spent the day visiting legislators' offices and, usually, greeting them in the hall as they moved from one meeting to another. A reception was held for new State Librarian **Christie Brandau** and **Governor Sebelius** gave a welcoming speech. WALA was there and even got a picture of President **Sharon Ailslieger** with the State Librarian.

## WALA TRAVELING SHOW

The Traveling Show Committee is beginning to meet and is always looking for those who would like "star" in the Summer Production. The schedule for those who are involved is very flexible and 100% involvement is not required. It works best if performers can attend the practices at least some of the time. Everything is printed out—lines, instructions, etc. Can you draw, sing, dance, tell jokes, or pretend at all those things? YOU are a GOOD candidate. Contact

**Rita Sevart** (Newman University) or **Sharon Ailslieger** (759-4207) if you are interested. It is fun and very satisfying.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 2005/06 officers and board members still needs nominees for Secretary and Treasurer. Please give serving WALA some thought. It is a great way to network and get to know your fellow librarians. The WALA Board meets monthly over lunch. Contact Rita Sevart at 942-4291, x2210 or by e-mail at [SevartR@newmanu.edu](mailto:SevartR@newmanu.edu).

## WALA at the TRI-CONFERENCE in OVERLAND PARK

### "Give KLA a Leg Up"

The WALA Team of **Sharon Ailslieger**, **Rita Sevart**, and **Betty Batten** participated in the "Give KLA a Leg Up" **Geography Bee** competition on Thursday, March 31. This was the second year of a three-year fund raising event for KLA. Last year was a spelling bee, but WALA did not have a team and the prize, the prestigious Leg Lamp Tro-

phy, went to the Kansas State Library team. This year WALA formed a team and competed with ten others. After a raft of difficult questions, the SuDoc Sweeties, the KLA-GODORT team won by answering the relatively easy question: "What is the highest point in Kansas?" Answer: Mt. Sunflower! For those who want to know, Mt. Sunflower (elevation 4,039 miles) is about 1 mile from the Colorado line in Wallace County. The county seat

is Sharon Springs. **Nan Myers**, WALA President-elect and WSU Librarian for Government Documents, was a member of the winning team, and for several months the Leg Lamp Trophy will live in Wichita State University.

Even if the WALA Team did not win this time, we gained a lot of experience for next year's competition and had a good time. Next year the GRAND AWARD, a 40" Leg Lamp, will go to WALA!! We are going to win!!

### WALA Members Presentations

**Richard Matthews**, WSU Libraries Reference Department, presented the program "*Visualize the Peaks and Valleys: An Easy-to-Use Excel Reference Statistics Tool You Can Adapt to Your Library*". The program featured a spreadsheet statistics compilation tool, developed in Microsoft Ex-

cel, designed to show hour-by-hour, day-by-day reference activity and patterns over months and years. It generates dynamic graphs based on ordinary reference desk counts. The tool assists the Reference Department in making staffing decisions, helping to efficiently schedule librarians' time on the desk. Check out the guide, "How to Use the Excel Reference Statistics

Tool," available at: <http://library.wichita.edu/reference/misc/triconference2005/howtouse.htm>

The session "*How to Use CQ Researcher and Opposing Viewpoints for Current events and Research*" by **Max Burson**, Friends University, showed how reference librarians can help students working on a research paper by suggesting

proper information resources. The presenter pointed out two electronic databases, CQ Researcher and Opposing Viewpoints, that offer pro and con perspectives on current events. These databases provide information from printed resources, such as book chapters, journal and newspaper articles as well as Web pages.

# NEWS FROM THE WSU LIBRARIES

## **Serials Solutions puts a new face on access to electronic journals**

Thanks to the preparations made by Cataloging staff under the leadership of **Nancy Deyoe**, Head Cataloger, and **Cathy Moore-Jansen**, Coordinator of Collection Development, access to WSU full electronic journal holdings has been achieved including the titles accessed via Infotrac and LexisNexis. The user will see that both the catalog entries and the Web page for the e-journals have taken new and convenient forms, including a helpful feature that indicates the various access providers. Individual date ranges are given for each vendor provider.

## **Infotrieve, the New Document Delivery Service**

WSU Libraries has a new electronic document delivery service for WSU faculty and staff offering access to millions of journal articles not held by the Libraries. Infotrieve, the electronic document delivery system, also allows users set up e-mail alerts to the table of contents (TOC) of thousands of journals.

This service is subsidized by the WSU Libraries through funding provided by the Office of Research Administration.



## **Invitation to Wichita State University Libraries' First Annual Wheatshocker Professional Development Seminar on May 16, 2005**

Dean Pal V. Rao and the faculty of Wichita State University Libraries announce and cordially invite members of WALA and others interested in academic library marketing and public relations to attend the seminar, "Marketing The Academic Library: Telling Your Library's Story" on May 16, 2005, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Camila Alire has agreed to conduct this seminar, which will be hosted by Wichita State University Libraries on the WSU campus. She will be kicking off what is the first in a series of annual Wheatshocker Professional Development Seminars. Dr. Alire is President-Elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and Chair of the ACRL 12th National Conference in Minneapolis.

This will be a lively, hands-on, interactive event. It is free of charge and a buffet lunch and other refreshments will be provided. All participants must preregister by May 4, 2005, on the Wheatshocker website (<http://library.wichita.edu/reference/wheatshocker>) or by mail. Registration is limited to 80 participants.

I hope you will join me and the faculty at the seminar. We're pleased to offer this workshop and future annual "Wheatshockers" as a means to gather together colleagues from across Kansas and surrounding areas.

# NEWS FROM THE WSU LIBRARIES

## National Library Week @ Ablah Library



### SHOCKER SCHOLAR FESTIVAL

WSU Libraries is sponsoring the second annual Shocker Scholars Festival from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13 in the lower level of Ablah Library, near Special Collections. The Scholars Festival celebrates scholarly and creative activities of the WSU faculty and staff. **Paul Cromwell**, speaking about the writing of his 2004 book, *Burglars on Burglars*, will be the featured speaker with remarks beginning at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### BASEBALL IN WICHITA

The WSU Library Associates will present *Baseball in Wichita*, a free lecture about our national pastime and its local history by Wichita author **Bob Rives** on Friday, April 15, in the lower level of Ablah Library, near Special Collections. First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. Rives' recent book chronicles Wichita's connection to the sport through its early days, its professional and semi-pro teams, the annual National Baseball Congress tournament, and the perennially successful WSU baseball program. Refreshments will follow the

lecture.

### LEE RILEY'S GIFT TO FUND ENDOWED GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

WSU Libraries have already benefited much from the generosity of **Lee Riley**. Now he has made a gift (over 5 years) of \$175,000 to fund an endowed graduate assistantship for University Libraries. The Libraries will hold a reception at 10 a.m. on May 23 near Special Collections to thank him for his generous financial support through the years.



Renee Ashley

### POETRY READING IN THE LIBRARY

Visiting poet **Renee Ashley** will provide a reading and book signing from her work 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 11, in the Reserve Reading Room, Ablah Library. Ashley is tutoring creative writing students, in the Department of English, from March 28 to April 22. Her visit coincides with National Poetry Month, which is recognized in April, and National Library Week, which is April 10 – 16, 2005.

Ms. **Ashley** won the Brittingham

Prize in Poetry from the University of Wisconsin Press for her book, *Salt*. She has received the Ruth Lake Memorial and Robert H. Winner Awards from the Poetry Society of America. She is the recipient of the Award for Emerging Writers and the Award for Literary Excellence from the *Kenyon Review*. Her second collection, *The Various Reasons of Light*, was the inaugural poetry volume for Avocet Press. She received the 1996 American Literary Review Award in Poetry, three Fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and a 1997-98 Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Ashley** is a member of the creative writing faculty at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is poetry editor of *Tiferet: A Journal of Spiritual Literature* and is Assistant Poetry Coordinator for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Ms. **Ashley** received her M.A. in World and Comparative Literature from San Francisco State University. Information on Ms. **Ashley's** poetry can be found at the web site [www.avocetpress.com/ashley.htm](http://www.avocetpress.com/ashley.htm). Information about National Poetry Month 2005 can be found at [www.poets.org/npm/](http://www.poets.org/npm/).

#### Works

*Salt*  
(University of Wisconsin Press, 1991)  
*The Various Reasons of Light: Poems*  
(Avocet Press, 1998)  
*The Revisionist's Dreams: Poems*  
(Avocet Press, 2001)  
*Someplace Like This*  
(Permanent Press, 2003)



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Dr. Gwen Alexander (right), John H. Williams & Joan Brichacek Wilson with their new book

Photo: Susan Matveyeva

## Three Wichita State Librarians Authored a Book

Dr. **Gwen Alexander**, the WSU Libraries Associate Dean of Administration, **Joan Wilson**, Technical Services Department, WALA members, and **John Williams**, Acquisitions Manager, authored *Current Essays and Reports in Information Retrieval and Data Mining: an Annotated Bibliography of Shorter Monographs*. Scarecrow Press, 2005. 216 p. ISBN 0-8108-5019-2

The book is the 1st annotated bibliography of shorter monographs on

the hot topic of data mining and information retrieval. Users receive an excellent reference source offering various perspectives on the diverse ways people understand and interpret the same information.

Congratulations, colleagues!!

Order this book for your library reference collection: Scarecrow Press, 4501 Forbes Blvd, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 20706

1-800-462-6420 fax 717-794-3803

## New Model for Federal Depository Library: Program Digital Content Management

by Nan Myers

After attending sessions of the Government Documents Round Table at ALA's Midwinter Conference in Boston from January 14-18, I am reporting to WALA constituents on the new strategic vision of the Government Printing Office (GPO) and their rapid transition to a new information delivery platform.

GPO published "*A Strategic Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" on December 1, 2004. The part of their mission statement that impacts on federal depository libraries states that they want: "To provide, in partnership with Federal Depository libraries, for nationwide community facilities for the perpetual, free and ready public access to the printed and electronic documents, and other information products, of the Federal government." This sounds like business as usual, but the "Vision" statement makes it clear that the GPO wants "To deliver Federal information products and services from a flexible digital platform." Essentially,

they plan to develop a flexible digital information content system for Federal documents. In the new model, their strategy is to focus the FDLP on Digital Content Management. Already, 65% of the government documents titles have been moved to an online environment. And, 85% of new publications are literally "born digital" and will never see print publication. The burden of printing out what is online will fall to libraries. In addition, the timeline for shutting down distribution of all but "Essential Titles" has been moved forward due to budgetary problems for FY2006. By October of 2005, the intention is that only titles considered "essential" (such as the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*) will remain in print distribution to depositories such as Wichita State. Instead, thousands of non-essential titles will be available for us to purchase on a print-on-

demand plan from the GPO Online Bookstore. To offset costs to depositories, a flat annual allowance of somewhere between \$500 and \$1500 (based on depository size) will be authorized to each library.

Our responsibility as a depository library has been shifting for several years towards providing electronic access to federal documents through the records in our online catalog. GPO's NET records for New Electronic Titles. As the GPO implements their web harvesting plans and begins scanning and cataloging historical publications, access through our OPAC will be more and more crucial. Govdocs folks will be shifting gears from concerns about processing materials to a focus on online resources. Welcome to GPO's 21<sup>st</sup> century!

# NEWS FROM THE WSU LIBRARIES

## Interview with Dr. Sha Li Zhang

Sha Li Zhang, formerly Associate Professor and Chair of Technical Services from February 1999 to February 2005, is now Assistant Director for Technical Services at the Jackson Library of University of North Carolina Greensboro. In addition to her ongoing library responsibilities, Sha Li actively served on various WSU Libraries committees, WSU campus committees (including being a Faculty Senator), KLA, and ALA. She was elected to the ALA Councilor-at-Large in 2004. Sha Li is also accomplished scholar. Her journal articles appeared in *College & Research Libraries*, *Library Trends*, *Library Collections and Technical Services*, *Information Science*, *Journal of Academic Libraries*, *American Libraries*, *Library Journal*, etc. In summarizing Sha Li's accomplishments during her tenure at WSU Libraries, at the farewell party held prior to Sha Li's departure, Kathy Downes, Associate Dean of University Libraries, commended that Sha Li "was the person that any organization liked to have to advance its mission." Susan Matveyeva interviewed Sha Li shortly before her departure.



Dean Paul Rao & Sha Li Zhang at the Farewell Party for Sha Li  
Photo by Susan Matveyeva

**S.M.** Sha Li, I can imagine how busy you are now. Thank you for finding a time for this interview. I hope that being in North Carolina you will be in touch with your former WSU coworkers and colleagues, but I would like to ask you a couple of questions when you are still here in Wichita.

I was always amazed by your ability to organize your work. Being extremely active in the profession, how do you manage your priorities? Could you share specific methods which helped you to have such high productivity and excellent quality in your work as department chair, researcher, editor, WSU senator, and ALA Council member?

**S.Z.** *You asked a good question. As a professional librarian, we always strive for excellence in our primary job. At the same time, we have obligations to serve on our professional organizations and to share our knowledge and best practices through publications. Librarianship, service, and scholarship help enhance library professionalism. In order to do well on all three areas, I have to constantly review my priorities in order to meet each deadline and to get each project completed. For instance, during the busy time of the library system migration between late 1999 and early 2000, I had to give up occa-*

*sions that I would go to movies and concerts, but devote needed time to the migration projects instead. I missed a lots of good movies and music concerts.*

**S.M.** During your career you have worked in several libraries including different regions of the United States and China, you also communicate extensively with librarians of many countries while serving in ALA International Relations Round Table and participating in IFLA activities. Could you please share your thoughts on major differences and similarities in librarians' (technical services librarians') work?

**S.Z.** *Like any organizations, each library has its own unique culture or environment. I have worked in several academic libraries. From these years of experience, I learned how to work with a group of librarians and support staffs in each unique setting and to get job done. I am goal-oriented person and would like to see how efficiently we can get a job done. At the same time, we have to pay close attention to the environment in which we are working, to make sure that people remain our focus, and to engage everybody in the process to realize the goals. I have often felt fortunate to be with a group of talented librarians and support*

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## Interview with Dr. Sha Li Zhang

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*staff in the libraries I worked in. At Wichita State University Libraries, working closely with a group of talented support staff inspired me to do a dissertation that was related to their concerns.*

**S.M.** You are active in many professional organizations, what is the role of small local groups like

WALA, in comparison with larger professional associations?

**S.Z.** *I joined WALA when I started at WSU Libraries in 1999; I may have missed my dues a couple of times in recent years. WALA is a wonderful organization from which I quickly got to know the librarians in the Wichita area at that time. As a small*

*group, WALA presented many good projects that served local libraries in unique ways. For instance, the establishment of the Patents and Trademarks Office at WSU Libraries was an effort from the WALA members in the early 1990s. It made a difference in supporting library services in the Wichita area.*

**S.M.** Thank you for your time, Sha Li, you will be greatly missed.

## VRA: Collaboration for Success

by Susan Matveyeva

Everyone who searches for images knows that their access and retrieval is a more difficult task than access and retrieval of language material. The development of digital libraries has brought close attention to this topic. In March, I participated in the 23rd Annual Conference of Visual Resources Association, Miami, Florida where image professionals, art, film and video librarians, visual systems vendors, museum and archive curators, educators, and researchers, joined forces to produce advances in digital image management. The Visual Resources Association (VRA) is a relatively small (the 700+ members), but prominent multi-disciplinary international community of image information professionals.

I joined this community because of my interest in the development of the WSU digital institutional repository and specifically in my current digital project with the WSU Museum of Anthropology.

The conference was a wonderful experience. I could recommend the VRA conferences, summer institutes to art librarians, curators, catalogers and everybody working with digital images. This is a good source of information and training on the hot topics in digital imaging, information management, educational technology, XML and metadata.

For more information visit the VRA website at: <http://www.vraweb.org/>



### Check Out Spring Bargains at Newton Book Sale

The Friends of Newton Public Library will have a variety of spring bargains for your reading and listening pleasure at the annual Book Sale.

The sale will be held

Friday, April 29 (9 am - 5 pm) and Saturday, April 30 (9 am - 3 pm )  
at Newton Public Library, 720 N Oak, Newton.

For more information  
call 316-283-2890 or check [www.newtonplks.org](http://www.newtonplks.org)



# WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING EVENTS

by Jennifer Heinicke

## March - April 2005 Programs in conjunction with *Anne Frank: a History for Today*

All events are free and open to the public. With 48-hour notice, the Library can provide signed programs and meet other special needs; call 261-8590 for details.

### **Meet the Author: Marion Blumenthal Lazan, co-author of *Four Perfect Pebbles***

Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan share her story, a moving first-hand account of the Blumenthal family's life in Germany from the events preceding Kristallnacht through imprisonment in concentration camps to liberation in April of 1945. Mrs. Lazan was 11 years old when the family gained its freedom. Her message is one of hope and tolerance. She asks her audience to be tolerant of others, stressing the importance of positive thinking as well as creativity and inner strength when working to overcome adversity. She warns people to be true to themselves and not blindly follow the leader. Audience members will enjoy her presentation more if they read her book before attending. Her talk is appropriate for ages 10 through adult and is sponsored by the Mid Kansas Jewish Federation. Books is available for purchase through Watermark Books at Mrs. Lazan's talk.

Tuesday, Mar. 8, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

### **Anne Frank: a History for Today**

Anne Frank's life story is depicted in an exhibit of large panels with narrative text and large color photographic reproductions. Using a wide selection of family photos (many never before

seen) and passages from her diary, the exhibit also features testimony from Holocaust survivors and helpers and a great deal of information about the period in which Anne lived. *Anne Frank: A History for Today* comes from The Anne Frank Center USA in New York City.

Sunday, Apr. 3 - Sunday, May 1, Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

Opening reception with guest speaker Rabbi Michael Davis: Sunday, Apr. 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

### **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl: Book Discussion**

Anne Frank's diary, written while she and her family were hiding from the Nazis, is an honest portrayal of the thoughts and dreams of a young girl in Holland during World War II. Join others who have read the diary and share your thoughts about this courageous young woman. Discussion led by Joyce Suellentrop.

Registration required; for ages sixteen and up.

### **Anne Frank Film Series**

Two films that share Anne Frank's life will be shown. Both movies revolve around the Frank family and Miep Gies, who risked her life to save her Jewish friends by hiding

them in a secret room and keeping them supplied with food.

Tuesday, Apr. 12 and 19, 6:30 p.m., Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9<sup>th</sup>, 688-9361



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### **No Place to Hide: Jewish Dilemmas in Nazi Occupied Europe**

*Dr. Keith H. Pickus, an associate dean in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and an associate professor of history at Wichita State University, will talk about the many difficulties and challenges faced by European Jews seeking to escape Nazism. Dr. Pickus is currently working on a book entitled Eddie's Story, an intensely personal narrative of a son's struggles to save his parents and younger brother from the Nazi death machine.*

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Central

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## WICHITA AREA DEVELOPMENT



Both pictures: Nature Center, Wichita  
Photos by Susan Matveyeva

### Visioneering Wichita Part 1 "The Challenge"

By Don Skokan,  
Reference Librarian, WSU

Harvey, and Sumner counties). The project does not have an operating budget and those involved will have to decide how to fund projects. You may access the 36-page Visioneering Final Document at <http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/forms/VISION%20DOCUMENT.pdf>

In Part 2, which will be found in the next newsletter, we will describe WSU's involvement and how the library is supporting that. If your particular library is involved, and is a Vision Partner, share your story with WALA and submit your com-



ments to Susan Matveyeva, newsletter editor, before the next deadline. The six main strategies that support the long-term vision are: economic development, education, quality of life, government, Infrastructure and private sector. If your library is not presently involved as a Vision Partner, consider joining. According to Suzie Ahlstrand, who is the project coordinator with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, "We just need everyone."

Visioneering Wichita began in June 2004 as a response to a decline in our community over the past 20 years. The process is bottom-up and hopes to motivate public and private sectors, as well as average citizens, to buy into and create a shared vision for the future for the greater Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area (Sedgwick, Butler,

## Wichita Public Library Spring Programs

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Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

### Journaling Workshop for Teens

Learn more about creating your own journaling style, techniques for recording your personal journey, and tips for keeping an online journal or blog. For teens aged 12 – 17.

Saturday, Apr. 16, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.,  
Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

### Prisoner-of-War Camps in Kansas

Many Kansans are unaware that POW camps existed in Kansas during World War II. Lowell May will share this too-often ignored history and the impact German POWs made in Kansas as well as back home in Europe. May's service in the US Army, with his special training in military corrections, combined with his compelling interest in WWII, sparked his interest in POWs held in the United States.

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

### A Creative Defiance: Art of the Holocaust

Focusing primarily on the art produced by the prisoners of the ghettos and concentration camps from 1940-1945, often at the risk of their lives and always under horrible conditions, Dr. Milton S. Katz from the Kansas City Art Institute will present a slide lecture discussing evocative works created by international artists from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, France, Holland, Italy, and the Soviet Union.

Dr. Katz explores how Holocaust art not only functions as witness, but also as a means of spiritual and psychological resistance, an assertion of humanity and an affirmation of life. Sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.,  
Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500



WALA CONGRATULATES

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

ON THE OPENING THEIR NEW FACILITY

WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO WICHITA AREA LIBRARIES



**SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM  
GRAND OPENING OF NEW FACILITY & RELATED PROGRAMS**

**Monday, April 25 2005**

**9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

*Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds: The Power of Storytime  
for Nurturing Courage* presented by Dr. Charles A. Smith, KSU  
at the Heartland Outdoor store

**11:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.**

**Semi-Annual Business Meeting** at the Heartland Outdoor store

**12:00 p.m. —12:45 p.m.**

**Complimentary SCKLS Luncheon** at the Heartland Outdoor store

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