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From the President...

Nan Myers (nan.myers@wichita.edu)

Here we are at the end of my year as President of WALA, and I have to say I have enjoyed it thoroughly. I want to thank my Officers and the Board for all their dedication and hard work.

In 2005/2006, WALA has held two all-member meetings with guest speakers at area libraries -- in October at the Wichita Area Technical College and in May at the Alford Branch of the WPL. Guest speakers were **Don Checots**, General Manager of KPTS Channel 8, representing "Visioneering Wichita" and **Cynthia Berner-Harris**, Director of the Wichita Public Libraries, speaking on the design development of the Alford library. It is always an eye-opener to see other libraries in action.

We had a successful Legislative Luncheon in November and a delightful Christmas party in December. Then, in February we presented a

workshop on "Social Marketing" and "Library Censorship Issues and Solutions." Early April brought the Tri-Conference to Wichita and the WALA program, a fashion show of work attire for both male and female librarians, was so popular that it ran twice!

In addition to events, I have to brag on the upgrade of the newsletter (thanks to **Susan Matveyeva**) and the website (thanks to **Angela Paul**). There are several projects in progress and this year's Board has really stepped up to the plate. And, let's not forget the preparations for the WALA Traveling Show which goes on the road again (thanks to **Sharon Ailslieger** and **Rita Severt**) on June 3 for a total of 23 scheduled performances on behalf of the summer reading program at small libraries in the WALA region. Hats off to



everyone involved!

Now we have one event left for this year – the Annual Meeting coming up on Tuesday, June 6. I hope you will all plan to attend, because we will have good fellowship and a great guest speaker, **Rosanne Siemens**, Executive Director of the Kansas Library Association. Details on further on in this newsletter.

Thank you to all WALA members for being such a great group to represent!

Nan Myers
WALA President

From Nomination Committee

At the annual luncheon on June 6, WALA elects officers for the 2006-2007 year. **Rhonda Bethel**, Friend University, is our incoming president. **Joe Forte**, Newman University, has completed his two year term as treasurer, but he is willing to serve 2nd term if membership approves. We have some volunteers for a secretary. We need a president-elect (who becomes president for 2007-2008 year) and one Board member. If you want to be more actively involved with WALA please contact Rhonda (bethel@friends.edu) Susan (susan.matveyeva@wichita.edu) or Kendra (godardlib@yahoo.com) You also can use a form provided in this newsletter on the page 4

WALA Fashion Show

by Rita Severt

Although quite short in time (15 minutes), the WALA Fashion Show presentation at Tri-Conference was a success with the overflow crowd that attended. The models were all wonderful (nobody tripped!) and looked great in a variety of styles and bright Spring colors. Special thanks go to **Sharon Ailslieger**, **Betty Batten**, and **Kendra Mork** for helping to plan the event.

Also, huge thanks to the models: Sharon Ailslieger from McConnell AFB Library, Betty Batten and **Rhonda Bethel** from Friends University, **Sai Deng** and **Angela Paul** from WSU Libraries, and **Ken Warner** and **Ben Koker** from Wichita Public Library. A note of appreciation goes to Penney's, Towne West Mall and Cato's of Newton for providing the outfits.



Sharon from McConnell AFB Library.



Rita from Newman University.



Rhonda from Friends University.



Betty from Friends University.



The WALA Fashion Show team at Tri-Conference.



Sai from Wichita State University.

WALA Traveling Show

by Sharon Ailslieger

The WALA Traveling Show is on the road again for the sixth summer. The show entitled "Traveling with the Animals" will be performed twenty-three times between June 2nd and July 24th. There is no charge for the event, but we are hoping for some help with gas and/or meals. Due to the increase in gas prices shows have been scheduled in close proximity to each other, and we will be performing twice per day when possible.

It is hard to believe, but the same librarians are volunteering their time again this year - **Rita Severt**, Newman University, **Betty Batten**, Friends University, **Nancy Malone**, SCKLS, and **Sharon Ailslieger**, McConnell AFB. What began as an idea to gain recognition for WALA, and perhaps increase our membership, had become a summer tradition. Many of the libraries are traditional stops, having scheduled the show every summer since it began! Relationships have flourished, friendships have blossomed, and children have been entertained! It is all in good fun and makes librarianship come alive!



The Wichita Area Library Association Annual Meeting will take place at the Olive Tree 2949 North Rock Road Wichita, KS (316) 636.1100. Tuesday, June 6 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rosanne Siemens, Executive Director of the Kansas Library Association

Topic: "New Directions for Libraries: Exciting Trends and Serious Legislative Issues"

The luncheon will be lasagna with a side salad, vegetable medley and rolls. Your luscious dessert choices are: Chocolate Raspberry Cake or Strawberry Chantilly. Iced Tea and coffee will be served. There will be a brief business meeting and a chance to renew acquaintances. Luncheon fee is \$15.00



Please plan to join us and take part in this annual meeting. Please RSVP to Rhonda Bethel by June 2nd at bethel@friends.edu or 316.295.5808.

(Non-WALA members are welcome to attend, but reservations are required.)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Institution: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send \$15.00 luncheon fee (Payable to WALA) and form to Friends University /Edmund Stanley Library / Rhonda Bethel / 2100 W. University / Wichita, KS / 67213 by June 2nd.



From WALA News Editor

my editorial responsibilities a lot, but this is the time for me to step aside as editor to pursue other projects.

I have mixed feelings of sadness and joy leaving this position. A lot of changes happened in these four years. The News moved from printed to electronic format; and from mail to email distribution. It is archived at: <http://www.skyways.org/library/wla/walapubs.html> Currently, we have 12 issue on the Web. Many librarians from pubic, academic, school, and special libraries all around Wichita submitted news about their libraries. There was no bigger pleasure for me than to open my email and find your submissions there. The News exists because of your active involvement.

Time is passing so fast! I cannot believe is has been four years since **Valorie Starr**, 2003 WALA President, invited me to edit WALA News. Four years is a long time for our association and its newsletter though. I have enjoyed

From this year, WALA News became a regular by-monthly publication. The hard work of **Gemma Blackburn** and **Sai Deng**, the newsletter committee members, made it possible. Thank you, Gemma and Sai!!

A special thank you to WALA Presidents, **Nan Myers**, **Sharon Ailsieger**, and **Valorie Starr**. Many thanks to **Nancy Malone** (SCKLS) and **Jennifer Heinicke** (Wichita Public Library), the News permanent authors. My deep appreciation goes to everyone, all authors and readers, WALA Board, all WALA members and those non-members who involve to the newsletter and support it. It was a pleasure to work with you all.

Susan Matveyeva
WALA News Editor

Join WALA! Vote for WALA! Serve on the Board!

2007 WALA Officers Nomination Form

Vice President/President Elect _____

Secretary _____

WALA Board _____

Questions? Contact Susan Matveyeva (316-978-5139)
Self-nominations are welcome. WALA needs you!



Annual dues time!

Renew your WALA 2006-2007 membership for \$15.00 by June 30

Joe Forte, WALA Treasurer will accept renewal and new memberships at the WALA Annual Meeting, The Olive Tree, June 6, 11:30-1:30. You also can renew your membership by mail. Fill out the Membership Form 2006-2007 on p.10 of this newsletter and send it to Joe with your check



Hellos and Goodbyes in Special Collections

by Gemma A. Blackburn

WSU Libraries welcomes Dr. **Lorraine Madway** as the new Curator of Special Collections and University Archivist! Lorraine, originally from Philadelphia, comes to us from Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science, near Chicago, where she taught courses in archives and reference. Her graduate work consists of master's degrees from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and also a Ph.D in history from Yale University. Her current research focuses include the symbolic landscapes found in Jewish cemeteries, and representations of women in American films.

Lorraine is impressed with the richness and range of the manuscript collections in Special Collections. "I'm honored to be part of this talented staff and I look

forward to contributing to our current and future projects," she says. Because of her research interests in visual imagery, Lorraine is especially enthusiastic about the collections of photographs and maps available in Special Collections. She finds that these collections are of particular importance as they help build bridges with the greater Wichita community. Lorraine is delighted to be in Wichita and to have the opportunity to work at the WSU Libraries. She also looks forward to meeting and working with her new library colleagues in the Wichita area.

Special Collections also says goodbye to **Marisa Lewis** this month as she moves into her new job of Corporate Librarian at Raytheon Aircraft Company. Marisa has been an administrative assistant at the WSU Librar-



Dr. Lorraine Madway, the new Curator of Special Collections at WSU

ies since 2000, and recently graduated from Emporia State University with a master of library science degree. Congratulations, Marisa! Good luck in the new job!

Information Literacy Seminar a Success

by Sai Deng

"The Grand Partnership: Librarians and Faculty Enhancing Student Learning" seminar was held in the Rhatigan Student Center at Wichita State University on Monday, April 10th.

This is the second annual Wheatshocker Professional Development Seminar sponsored by Wichita State University Libraries, and was attended by professionals from across Kansas and surrounding states. A total of 72 people, including academic librarians, classroom faculty, and campus administrators, attended the seminar.

The seminar featured speaker Dr. **Patricia Senn Breivik**, a nationally recognized expert in information literacy and resource-based learning. It was a hands-on and interactive experience, and the general session was followed by a faculty panel and small group discussions. Participants learned about the importance of information literacy to enhance student learning, and also how librarians and teaching faculty can cooperate to implement information literacy in the context of an organization's overall strategic plan.

Voyager 5 Upgrade

by Sai Deng

The Voyager integrated library management system at the WSU Libraries has smoothly upgraded to Voyager 5 and Unicode.

This new version brings Voyager up to current IT standards and enables records finding and display in native languages including CJK (Chinese, Japanese, Korean) character sets. This helps achieve Endeavor's goal of "access of information regardless of location and format."

Following the software upgrade and switching to the new server on the night of May 25th, **Nancy Deyoe** and **Connie Basquez** at the Technical Services Department have been working on the customization of each computer and resetting record import profiles of the catalog module.

While staff clients were temporarily unavailable due to the upgrade, the library catalog was still available throughout most of the process, causing minimal inconvenience to our patrons.



Summer Smells of Cookies and Dust

Pardon Our Dust

by Gemma A. Blackburn

Ablah Library is in the midst of a facelift operation. A number of departments are undergoing renovations and/or relocations, and construction has become an everyday ordeal. Currently the main corridor is being updated, which includes removing all floor tiles leaving bare concrete until carpet can be laid. Also, the Reference and Collection Development offices are undergoing an expansion, which has temporarily displaced many faculty and staff. Even though the transformation process is bit of an inconvenience, we are looking forward to seeing the new and improved Ablah Library, which should be completed by this Fall.



Be careful!! Tiles are removed!

University Focuses on Assessment

by Gemma A. Blackburn

WSU Libraries hosted the seminar "Assessment in Higher Education: What You Need to Know" on Monday, May 22nd in the Rhatigan Student Center. This event was held to inform WSU employees about the expectations of the Higher Learning Commission in preparation for our upcoming University accreditation.

Advice was given on how to prepare for accreditation assessment, including how to identify specific goals for student learning and how to document those goals as they are achieved. A panel of experts was on hand to examine current trends in higher education assessment, and offered techniques for success. The presentations of Donna Hawley, director of institutional research; Martha Shawver, associate vice president for academic affairs and research; and Nancy McCarthy Snyder, associate vice president for academic affairs and director of Higher

Learning Commission reaccreditation were listened to an audience of faculty and librarians with big interest. Discussion followed the presentations.

Something Sweet for Stressed-Out Students

by Sai Deng

Treats were handed out to students for free at Ablah Library during finals week on May 10th through 12th. This library tradition, which began in 2004, is organized every Fall and Spring semester by the Student Appreciation Committee and is a fun and effective way for us to connect with students.

Library faculty and staff actively participated in this event by volunteering to hand out treats in the lobby, bringing home-baked cookies, and soliciting for donations. This semester we were incredibly grateful to Panera Bread for generously donating 6 dozen bagels and plenty of cream cheese!



Summer Events, Invitations, and Other News

Coffee Klatch at Borders

by Nancy Malone

The SCKLS invites you to an informal Coffee Klatch on Friday, June 9, 2006, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Borders located at 2441 Maize Rd. in west Wichita (corner of 21st and Maize at New Market Square).

Come share a relaxing summer morning with **Dawn Myers** of Borders in west Wichita. Hear about some of the interesting titles offered by Borders this summer and purchasing options you have through your local Borders store. Come ready to share your reading adventures with this informal group. This is a casual time to share with Dawn and your library colleagues. Refreshments will be underwritten by the South Central Kansas Library System, featuring your choice of a Borders' pastry and drink.

READ-A-LUNCH 2006 Quarterly Book Discussion

by Nancy Malone

South Central Kansas Library System presents READ-A-LUNCH 2006 Quarterly Book Discussion with **Paul Hawkins**, SCKLS Director on Friday, July 7, 2006, 11:30–1:00 p.m. at the Wellington Public Library, 121 W. 7th Wellington. Paul will facilitate the discussion of the book, *John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers in Kansas History*. From radical abolitionist John Brown to presidential candidate Bob Dole to visionary environmentalist Wes Jackson, Kansas history is bursting with fascinating stories of individuals who made a difference to the nation and whose lives reveal much about our collective past. Reformers, activists, innovators, preachers, publishers and artists, 27 fascinating personalities are brought vividly back to life by Kansas historian Virgil Dean and his fellow authors. They offer a fresh and engaging look at many of the important

themes of Kansas history—especially the state's identification with some of the great radical movements, including abolitionism, populism, and civil rights—and ultimately recapture the true spirit of Kansas and its meaning for the rest of the nation. Notify the SCKLS office if you are interested in participating in this book discussion. Lunch will be catered and served at the Wellington Public Library. Please include \$7.50 with your book request to cover the cost of the catered lunch. A copy of the book will be delivered to you when SCKLS receives your registration.

25 Years with Suzie Fox at SCKLS

by Mia Wilson

In 1981 **Suzie** felt it was time to find a full-time job while her 2 children, ages 7 and 10, were attending school. A friend of hers at the Hutchinson Public Library told her of a job opening. For the first few months Suzie actually worked part-time for both South Central Kansas Library System and Hutchinson Public Library.

She was the driver of the Rotating Book Truck which went out every other month Monday through Friday. Some of the days were long, starting at 6:30 am and returning back at 7:00 pm. When the truck wasn't delivering books, Suzie would assist delivering books to local nursing homes, day-cares and schools with the Hutchinson Public Library's big red and white bus.

Later during her first year with SCKLS and Hutchinson Public the Rotating Book Truck schedule changed to deliveries every month and every other day, as it is today. It was

at that point Suzie became a full-time employee with SCKLS.

In 1987 Suzie was promoted to head of the Rotating Book Truck Department. Suzie was still delivering books to member libraries with new employee **Janice Tuxhorn**. Before 1997 the Rotating Book Truck service was different. The librarians chose the books on site and then Suzie and Janice would bring the books in to the library and shelve them as well. The girls got a good work out building up their muscles from carrying heavy loads of books. The librarians were very grateful for the service and would sometimes treat Suzie and Janice to tea and cookies.

Being on the road often, Suzie ran into some bad weather over the years, from taking shelter for a tornado warning in Wichita to icy roads in the country that ended up with the truck in the ditch and books strewn everywhere inside. Nobody was badly injured from the wreck, just a few bruises, but the truck was out of commission for about a month.

In 1997 Suzie no longer went out on the road and a replacement driver was found. The books were chosen by the Rotating Book employees and boxed up to the libraries as it is done today.

Suzie has enjoyed her many years at SCKLS and plans on working for several more years. She liked being on the road seeing the different libraries but appreciates staying in and working with a great group of people at SCKLS. After retiring from SCKLS she would like to move to Texas down by the water and find more time reading suspense novels by **Dean Koontz** and **John Saul**.

Congratulations Suzie for a great 25 years!!!

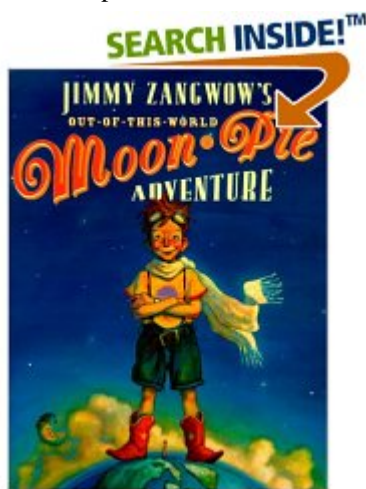


Exciting Reading Project

by Julie Tomlianovich

Did you ever wonder where Moon Pies come from? Or, what if you had one thousand of them and were faced with nine hundred ninety nine Mars-Men what would you do? Well, Jimmy Zangwow knows what to do and during Children's Book Week, November 13-19, 2006, kindergartners through third graders in the South Central Kansas Library System will also know what to do.

The South Central Kansas Library System presents, Jimmy Zangwow's Out-of-this-world Moon Pie Adventure by **Tony DiTerlizzi** as a companion book to the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers



project. With the theme of *More Books, Please* for Children's Book Week, SCKLS will have more books, one for preschoolers and one for kindergarten through third grade.

Jimmy Zangwow's Out-of-this-world Moon Pie Adventure by **Tony DiTerlizzi** (c2000). Used with permission of Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

In order to meet the needs and requests of SCKLS member libraries Jimmy Zangwow was chosen to be used in schools with young readers. Even when children learn to read, it is still important for them to be read out loud to. They hear the flow of language and experience the creativity of authors, illustrators and the reader. SCKLS members, public libraries, school districts, and special libraries will receive a copy of this book by early September.

Curriculum guides for Jimmy and five other titles for K-3rd grade range will be created and posted to the SCKLS website in August. The SCKLS Companion Book committee members are: **Amy Bayes**, Newton Public Library; **Tabitha Hogan**, Winfield Public Library; **Mandy Olney**, McPherson Public Library; **Lisa Daniels**, Augusta Public Library; **Susan Woodard**, Cheney Public Library and **Julie Tomlianovich**, SCKLS.

Let's all help make the Kansas Reads...in the South Central Kansas Library System a success, from preschoolers to adults and everyone in between.



Wichita Public in June and July

Wichita Public Award Winners

Evergreen Branch Manager **Jaime Prothro** was honored by the Kansas Library Association (KLA) on Friday, April 7, with the Best New Professional Presidential Award. The award is given to KLA members who, within the first five years after earning a professional degree, have made a positive impact on the quality of library service in the state of Kansas. With Prothro's vision, the Library has submitted and received national grants. She actively promotes the library and its services in its culturally diverse neighborhood. **Leonard and Celia Levand** were honored posthumously with the Library Advocate Award. Mr. Levand, a lawyer and lifelong library user, together with his wife established a trust benefiting public libraries in Sedgwick County, including the Wichita Public Library.

The Friends of Kansas Libraries awarded the Friends of the Wichita Public Library with their Outstanding Friends Group Award for service populations of over 10,000. Accepting on behalf of the Friends, Treasurer **Larry Romine** said, "we owe it all to our volunteers."

Check Out Audio Books Online With Your WPL Card

The Wichita Public Library was the first of six libraries to allow its customers to checkout items from the State Library of Kansas's Audio Books, Music and More online library using their borrowers' cards instead of a Kansas Library Card. **Cynthia Berner Harris**, Director of the Wichita Public Library, says "We appreciate the leadership of the State Library of Kansas in helping us to make this service possible. Without their assistance, as well as funding support from the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, it would have been impossible for our library to make these resources available to our users." Early results show this frequently requested service is making a splash with customers. 44 books already have holds after two weeks of service (and many of those have multiple copies checked out). Children's authors such as **Bruce Coville** and **Sharon Creech** are listed among the ranks of Robin Cook and Anita Shreve as most-demanded authors.

By Jennifer Heinicke

Andover Public Library Special Release to WALA News

7th Annual Summer Reading Program

Andover Public Library (APL) in partnership with AT&T of Kansas will kick off the library's 7th annual Summer Reading program from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Saturday, June 3, 2006 in the library's parking lot.

Children ages 4-18 can enroll in the program that day and participate in a variety of activities including visits with the Wichita



Wranglers, pizza sales from Papa John's, the Moonwalk, and a TV drawing. For a suggested \$5.00 donation, attendees will have the opportunity to take home a 37-inch plasma screen TV. Proceeds will go towards the library.

This is the seventh year for the Summer Reading, which last year saw 1,200 participants. "We fully expect to exceed last year's numbers since we have seen a 30% growth in the program each of the past three years," noted **Cheri Nienki**, assistant library director. Projected participant numbers are 1,500.

Andover Public Library's Summer Reading program received national recognition in 2004 for its continued growth and the 21% participation from teen readers. "Most summer reading programs see a drop in teen participation while we have been able to maintain our teen involvement," Nienke explained.

One of the key elements to the success of Andover's program is the awarding of age-appropriate gifts. Participants track the number of hours they read and turn in these hours for "library bucks" which they then exchange for gifts. Gifts range from finger puppets and gift certificates at bookstores and movie theaters to CD players.

The theme for the 2006 Summer Reading program is "Pirates, Parrots & Croc's". The program runs from June 5 through July 29.

Friends 1st Spring Festival and Duck Race

Several hundred people attended the APL Friends of the library 1st Spring Festival and Duck Race April 8 at Andover's Central Park, which is the site for the new library building. The event was presented by the Friends in partnership with Messiah Baptist Church.

Nearly 40 community businesses provided prizes or products for the day's activities and well over 100 volunteers staffed the event. Activities included a parade, book sale,



kite and martial art demonstrations, face painting, a egg hunt, and a petting zoo. Proceeds from the event go towards the library's Summer Reading program.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2006-2007

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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 __ Newsletter

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