

# WALA NEWS

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## From the President...

Janet Fowler ([jfowler@usd259.net](mailto:jfowler@usd259.net))

Greetings! I am **Janet Fowler**, President of WALA for 2008-2009. It is my honor and pleasure to serve as President of this organization. I find it educational and invigorating to collaborate with the WALA Board and WALA members that represent the different types of libraries. We all have varied responsibilities and yet when we get together we find that we also have many common issues and concerns.

Our WALA membership has increased by seven members and I hope that each of you will encourage your colleagues to join our local library organization. The WALA Board is busy working on making plans for a number of events this year. We will host the annual Legislative Luncheon on November 18 and invite the legisla-

tures to attend and share with us their viewpoints on issues that affect all libraries.

Mark your calendar to attend the WALA Holiday Party on Friday, December 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at City Arts. Complete details will be available soon. This is always a fun and casual event where we get an opportunity to socialize with each other.

Looking ahead to 2009, we are submitting proposals to participate in the KLA/MPLA Conference “**Libraries: Dynamic People, Places & Ideas**”, April 1-3, Hyatt Regency/Century II Convention Center. Also, our annual WALA Luncheon will be held on June 11 2009 at Newman University. I



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anticipate that there will be other events that we will be sponsoring so please watch for details in future newsletters and e-mails.

Please contact me or any of the WALA Board Members if you have any questions, suggestions or news that we can share with other members. I hope that each of you have a wonderful Kansas fall and that you will take attend the events that WALA will be hosting.

**Janet Fowler**  
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## WALA Upcoming Events

(See p.2 for details.)

**Oct. 29**  
**Nov. 18**  
**Dec. 12**

**WALA & “The Big Read”  
Legislative Luncheon  
Holiday Party!**

## WALA & “The Big Read” on October 29



WALA members are invited to attend the *My Antonia* Brown Bag Lunch Discussion being held **Oct 29, 11:30-1pm at Wichita Area Technical College Library Conference Room**. Dessert and drinks will be provided. This will be an informal time of visiting about the book and allowing for reminiscences or family stories from the participants. If you haven't read the book, but are interested in hearing about this “talk of the town,” come and join in the merriment.

The WATC main campus is located at 301 S. Grove, one block south of Douglas on the west side of Grove. The Library is in Building B, on the north side of campus, enter at the glass entrance towards the east, central part of the building (by the sign that says Library Learning Resource Center). Parking may be available along B building. Although it may say Staff parking, feel free to park in the spaces towards the east. There are also spaces in front of A (main) building and south in the student parking area. Please RSVP to **Joyce** at 677-9444.

For more information, contact **Rita Severt** ([rsevert@watec.edu](mailto:rsevert@watec.edu)).

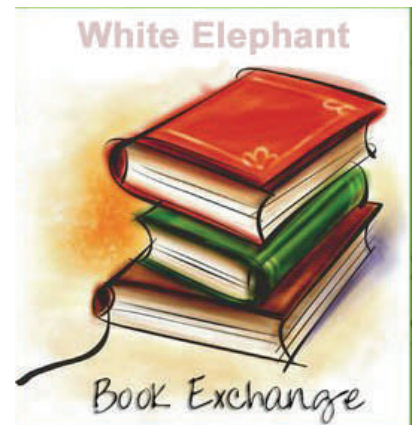
### WALA's Legislative Luncheon will be held on November 18 at the Crestview Country Club.

(A detailed flyer will be sent to WALA members soon.)

### Holiday Party on December 12

Get into the Holiday spirit this year by coming to **the Annual WALA Holiday Party**. This year our party is on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at City Arts**. City Arts is located at **334 N. Mead St. in Wichita's Old Town area**, and the party will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor boardroom.

Bring your favorite dish and come talk and laugh with your fellow librarians. Don't forget to bring your white elephant book! It can be a goodie, a baddie, or a cutie. Wrap it up and have fun seeing (and stealing) everyone's book choices. We hope to see you there!



WALA Budget Report

Joe Forte, Treasurer

**WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**Budget Report 2008-2009**

Monday, October 06, 2008

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Dues (43)	\$645.00	\$495.00
Planned activities	\$1,200.00	
Contingency from bank funds	\$500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,345.00</b>	<b>\$495.00</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Planned activities	\$1,500.00	\$40.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$845.00	53.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,345.00</b>	<b>\$93.29</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,468.32</b>	
<b>Paid Members</b>		<b>33</b>

**Treasurer's Final Report 2007-2008**

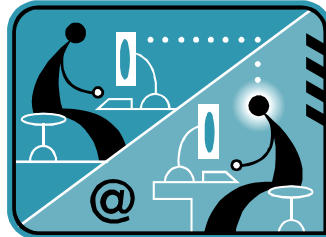
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
Dues, 50 memberships @ \$15 each	\$750.00	\$645.00
Annual luncheon income	\$800.00	\$478.00
Other Activities (Legis. Luncheon, etc)	\$400.00	\$560.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>	<b>\$1,683.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>
Postage	\$40.00	\$0.00
Annual luncheon expense	\$1,000.00	\$423.08
Other Activities (Legis. Luncheon, etc)	\$410.00	\$611.17
Honoraria, Gifts, Awards	\$500.00	\$330.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>	<b>\$1,364.67</b>

**Don't forget to pay your WALA membership dues for 2008-2009.  
Help us meet our membership goal of 50 members!**

**For the membership form, go to**

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala/other%20documents/WalaApp08-09.pdf>

*South Central Kansas Library System*  
*presents*  
**Training Day 2008**



**Thursday, November 6, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: Monday, October 27, 2008**

**South Central Kansas Education Service Center**  
**13939 Diagonal Road, Clearwater**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please make a copy of this form for each participant. You may also access a PDF file of the registration form on the SCKLS web page at [www.sckls.info](http://www.sckls.info).)

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

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*On the back of this form, circle the sessions you plan to attend.*  
*Return both sides of the form by Monday, October 27 to:*

**SCKLS Training Day**  
**321A N. Main, South Hutchinson, KS 67505**  
**OR -**  
**Fax both sides of form to: (620) 663-9797**



## New SCKLS Continuing Education Coordinator

**Tom Taylor** is the new South Central Kansas Library System Continuing Education Coordinator, replacing Nancy Malone. Taylor, who began work on August 25, is responsible for planning and organizing the annual program of continuing education and training for SCKLS member libraries.

Taylor has a Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa. His undergraduate degree in history is from Bethel College, North Newton, KS. His library experience includes work in two public libraries and one academic library and he served as the Supervisor of Public Relations, Special Services and Assistant Automation Consultant at the Newton, KS Public Library during 2001 to 2006.

Taylor is a second generation librarian. His mother, Susan Taylor, is Director of Miller Library at McPherson College. Taylor recently relocated to the western edge of Wichita from Clearwater, Florida. He lives with his wife Amy, a mechanical engineer at Honeywell, and two dogs and one cat.



**Tom Taylor.**

## New Member of SCKLS Technology Staff

**Stacy Walter** tells us : As the new Technology Development Consultant for South Central Kansas Library System, I am excited to be a part of the outstanding SCKLS team. In this position, I look forward to providing website consulting, grant management, and most of all getting back to what I love to do—teaching by offering customized training to our member libraries.

My path to get here has been somewhat of a varied one, but just the same has been one that has provided me with an abundance of knowledge and experience to bring to this position with SCKLS. I began my professional career as a teacher and taught for 12 years. I was then a healthcare representative for a pharmaceutical company for five years. Most recently, I was a website consultant for the past two years where I consulted with educational organizations on website development and management. Collectively, my career choices have provided me with a strong foundation and love for teaching and training. In addition, my experience has afforded me consulting and website development expertise.

I am eager to put all my experience into practice, but more importantly to get back to the second thing I love to do—work with people. I am looking forward to building relationships with our members while continuing to provide the services they truly need through customized training and website consulting.



**Stacey Walters.**