

WALA NEWS

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From the President...

Amy Ramsey (aramsey@wichita.gov)

Hello, I am **Amy Ramsey**, President of WALA for 2009-2010. I am the Children's Room Manager for the Central branch of the Wichita Public Library and have been involved in WALA for five year now. First of all I would like to thank the past board for a wonderful 2008-2009 year, wherein WALA had terrific membership numbers, started a new community outreach program, and had important board meetings and luncheons. I would also like to thank **Janet Fowler** who is now the Immediate Past President for doing a superb job last year and **Katie Menon** of the Wichita Public Library for being President Elect this year.

WALA has a fantastic board this year, which will meet at 11:30 am on the first Monday of every month at Watermark Books (unless otherwise noted on our calendar). All board meetings are open to

the public and I would like to encourage all members to attend. You will find the meeting schedule, plus past meeting minutes, on WALA's website under 'Calendar and Minutes'. During these meetings the board will be making plans for the **annual Legislative Luncheon**, the **WALA Holiday Party**, participation in the **KLA Conference**, and the **Annual Meeting** next June. We also will be working on our community projects, such as our **Book Buddy** project.

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. Please also tell all fellow coworkers about WALA and the importance of belonging to a local organization. Dues are payable at this time and remain at the low amount of \$15.00. Checks may be sent to Treasurer : **Joe Forte**—



WALA President: Amy Ramsey.

Newman University. WALA welcomes all library personnel as members. Membership includes WALA newsletters and timely notification of all WALA related events.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall and that we see many of you at our upcoming events!

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WALA Upcoming Events

Thursday
November 12

Legislative Luncheon 11:30am-1:00pm
Crestview County Club
Guest Speaker: Jeremy Hill, Director of WSU's Center for Economic Development and Business Research

Friday
December 11

Holiday Party 5:30-8:00pm
City Arts
See p.2 for details.

WALA Updates

Annual Holiday Party!

We're getting into the spirit of the Holiday's early by letting you know about one of our most fun events of the year! The board has chosen to have the annual Holiday Party at **City Arts** again, so please mark down **Friday, Dec. 11th from 5:30-8 pm** on your calendar. City Arts is located at **334 N. Mead St. in Wichita's Old Town**, and the party will be held in the 2nd floor boardroom. Bring your favorite dish and come talk and laugh with your fellow librarians. Don't forget to bring your white elephant book! Gift wrap it and have fun seeing (and stealing) everyone's book choices. Spouses and significant others are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Book Buddies

Sharon Ailslieger

WALA continues to be involved in its community through the **Book Buddies** program. Working in conjunction with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's department, WALA provides books for children whose

families become involved with law enforcement. The child keeps the book provided by the officer. This may be a "first" book for some children. The program began in April, 2009 and is still going strong. The re-

sponse has been very positive, with the officers reporting that the books have proven to be a valuable aid. WALA is an organization that "reaches out".

Treasurer's Report

Joe Forte

WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report 2008-2009 Final Report

Friday, July 31, 2009

	INCOME	
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Received</i>
Dues	\$645.00	\$630.00
Planned activities	\$1,200.00	\$936.00
Contingency from bank funds	\$500.00	
Total Income	\$2,345.00	\$1,566.00
	EXPENSES	
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>
Planned activities	\$1,500.00	\$1,206.74
Miscellaneous expenses	\$845.00	\$313.00
Total Expenses	\$2,345.00	\$1,519.74

WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Budget Report

2009-2010

Thursday, August 13, 2009

	INCOME	
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Received</i>
Dues (43 is the goal)	\$645.00	\$300.00
Planned activities	\$1,200.00	
Contingency from bank funds	\$500.00	
Total Income	\$2,345.00	\$300.00
	EXPENSES	
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>
Planned activities	\$1,500.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	\$845.00	
Total Expenses	\$2,345.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$1,306.87	

Traces of the Trade Program

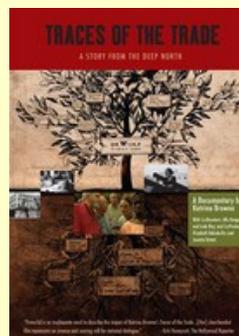
A discussion of documents and artifacts on U.S. slavery was held in Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University Libraries, on Wednesday, September 16. About 45 people attended the event.

Presentations were made by **Dr. Lorraine Madway**, Curator of Special Collections, and filmmakers **Katrina Browne** and **Juanita Brown**, the creators of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. Lorraine explained the significance of materials on

slavery from Special Collections, including bills of sale, wills, newspaper illustrations, currency depicting images of slavery, a pair of shackles used to restrain slaves, and manumission agreements which freed individual slaves.

The *Traces* documentary, directed by Katrina Brown and produced by Juanita Brown, focused on the story of the De Wolf family's involvement in the slave trade. Based in Bristol, Rhode Island, the De Wolfs had more involvement in the slave trade than any other

family in U.S. history. A lineal descendant, Katrina explored her efforts and those of several other descendants to come to terms with the moral and emotional consequences of their family's legacy.



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Golomb's Graphic Novels Chapter Accepted

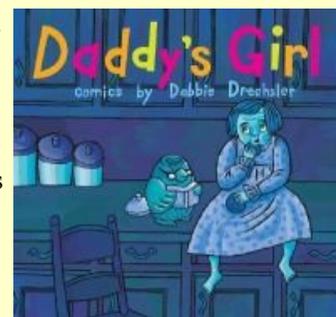
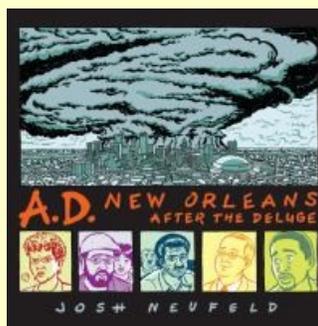
Liorah Golomb, Humanities Librarian at Wichita State University Libraries, recently re-

ceived word that her chapter "So Many Graphic Novels, So Little Money: Building a Selective Collection for the Academic Library" was accepted for publication in Rob Weiner, ed., *Graphic Novels in*

Libraries and Archives: Ideas and Issues (McFarland). The

publishing date is forthcoming.

Currently the WSU Libraries has over 80 graphic novels in its collection.



Poe Exhibit at WSU Libraries

Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University Libraries, will be participating **The Big Read** in Wichita with an exhibit of selected works by and about **Edgar Allen Poe** from the Graydon C. Spaulding Collection of

Works by and about Edgar Allen Poe.

A finding aid to this collection is available online at: <http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/88-14/88-14-A.HTML>.

The items will be displayed in the reading room from October through November, 2009.



The Big Read Ready to Kick Off

Sharon Ailsieger



William Michael Harnett, *Mortality and Immortality* (1876). Oil on canvas, 22 1/4" x 27 1/4", The Roland P. Murdock Collection, M58.45, used courtesy of the Wichita Art Museum.

Building on the success of last year's Big Read, which attracted over 16,000 attendees to partner events, exhibits and discussions, The Big Read returns in October and November 2009 with a new focus: "**Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe.**"

Over 50 partners and book groups have already signed on to this year's initiative. Public library partners include Wichita, Andale, Andover, Cheney, Derby, Goddard, McConnell, Mulvane, Newton, Park City and Pratt.

Academic partners include USD 259 - Wichita Public Schools, Bethel College, Hesston College, Oatville Elementary School, Wichita Area Technical College, and Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University Libraries.

Several bookseller, museum and media partners have also been affiliated with the project.

On Sept. 15, **Mayor Carl Brewer** officially named October Big Read Month. While the events and effort in celebration of Edgar Allan Poe continues all the

way through Nov. 30, the proclamation recognizes October as "the 160th anniversary of Poe's death and... the perfect time to pick up a volume of lore from the one of the most innovative authors in American literature."

Mrs. **Vicki Tiaht**, honorary chair of Wichita's The Big Read, accepted the proclamation accompanied by the Director of Libraries **Cynthia Berner Harris**, Andover Public Library Director **Carol Wohlford** and Community Relations Manager **Brad Purkey** of Barnes and Noble Bradley Fair.

The Big Read Event Highlights

Don't miss The Big Read kickoff from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Wichita Art Museum. We'll start The Big Read off right with book giveaways, readings, an art exhibit, and a special presentation by Ballet Wichita. The kickoff is free. At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, internationally known Poe interpreter **David Keltz** will offer a glimpse into the personal and professional life of Poe. Keltz has performed at the International Poe Festival in Prague, at the Poe Studies International Association Conference, at Poe Museums, the

National Theatre and the Smithsonian Institution. His portrayal of Poe has been filmed for productions for the BBC, the History Channel and NFL. Experience Poe and tales such as "The Tell-Tale Heart" like never before. For a complete list of events, visit bigreadwichita.org.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.



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M I D W E S T

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHANGES

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM SOFTWARE

In 1998, the Wichita Public Schools invested in our first integrated library system software, SIRSI. At that time we were at the forefront of school districts moving to this type of library management system. The school district library system serves over 55,000 students and staff. The database contains approximately 214,000 bibliographic records, 1,034,228 item records, 72,902 borrower records and in 2008, 2,526,591 items circulated. We are very happy to report that all but 8 of our existing bibliographic records migrated from the SIRSI database to our new ILS!

Follett Destiny Integrated Library System Software was implemented for start of the 2009-2010 school year. Destiny is an integrated library system that was specifically designed for the K-12 customer and is the

software used by the district to manage the print and multimedia library collections. Destiny is a web-based system that allows it to be accessible from any standard Internet web browser (<http://destiny.usd259.net>).

District patrons can log-in as a user and have the capability of creating their own resource lists that can be printed in citation or bibliographic format.

Also, patrons can see a list of the library materials they have checked out, due dates for those materials, status of library fines and any other resource lists they have created.

All other patrons can log on as guests to search the catalog.

Destiny is compatible with eSIS and PeopleSoft databases so that

the updating of student and staff information is electronically completed on a nightly basis by MIS.

The district has subscribed to an additional module, TitlePeek, which provides enhanced content about the books such as a picture of the book cover, copyright information, subject headings, length of the book, author information and professional reviews of the book. Follett provides two upgrades for Destiny per year.

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Joyce Drydale Retires from WATC Library

Joyce Drydale, assistant at WATC Library, retired September 11. Although, she was the Library Assistant for little more than a year, she had also been a WATC career advisor and clerk working at four of the WATC campuses in her tenure. In her past life, Joyce was an ESL teacher, K-12 para-educator, and she also hung out in the North High Library, helping her ESL students.

Joyce quickly picked up the nuances of Interlibrary Loan, cataloging, and kept a sharp eye on the overdues. With her background in ESL, she was a patient assistant to students reticent about their language and computer skills. An eagerness to learn was a major component of her nature, as Joyce was always ready to do research. Joyce was very happy to be a part of the library community.

Her expertise, insight, inquisitiveness, humor and most of all, her friendliness, will be greatly missed in the Library and throughout WATC.

Rita Severt
 Manager
 WATC Library and Learning
 Resource Center
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SCKLS Updates

SCKLS Recognized for Exemplary Automation Project

Sharon Ailstieger

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency located in Washington, D.C., has recognized the South Central Kansas Library System, South Hutchinson in its June 2009 publication "A Catalyst for Change" (<http://www.imls.gov/pdf/CatalystForChange.pdf>). "Project Automate @ SCKLS" which was the recipient of a \$101,812 Library Service and Technology Grant (LSTA) was identified as the exemplary project for Kansas during 2003 - 2006.

According to the federal report, "The purpose of Project Automate @ SCKLS was to assist public libraries within the South Central Kansas Library System in automating their collections to provide an enhanced level of service to their patrons. On May 1, 2007, all 12 participating library sites went live. Not only were the librarians able to begin an electronic method of circulation, but their patrons became more empowered users of the library. Patrons now have the ability to view their

circulation status, renew items and place reserves via the Internet from outside the confines of the library."

For more information contact: Larry Papenfuss, Director of Information Technology, SCKLS, larry@sckls.info or 800-234-0529, Ext. 160.



New SCKLS Intern Selected



Marlene Meckenstock, a teacher in the Derby USD 260 School District and a graduate student in the Wichita State University library media certification program, has been selected as the new intern for South Central Kansas Library System for a six-month period beginning July 1, 2009. Meckenstock is a career educator who is transitioning to library media services and has Master's degrees in Home Economics and Curriculum and Instruction.

Part of Meckenstock's internship activities will include developing an elec-

tronic resources education project for audiences of primary, middle school and high school students as well as school library media specialists. She also worked during July and August as a cataloging intern with Connie Adams, USD #259 Wichita Public Schools Library Media Service Center.

Meckenstock said, "Nothing thrills me more than successfully inspiring others to expand their world and their horizons through a good book. I enjoy working with students and community, collaborating with colleagues and serving in

staff development. I have always enjoyed building literacy skills. When I more fully explored the role of the Library Media Specialist, I discovered what a wonderful "fit" this is for me."

SCKLS, located in South Hutchinson, provides grants, continuing education, consulting and support services to 147 member libraries in twelve counties.

*Tom Taylor
Continuing Education Co-ordinator
South Central Kansas
Library System*



Wichita Area Library Association

Web: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala/>

Wichita Area Library Association (WALA) is an organization of library professionals started in 1988 in Wichita, Kansas.

WALA is dedicated to supporting libraries and library employees in the Wichita area and works to improve library services and access for the Wichita area community of library users.

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