

WALA NEWS

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From the President...

Amy Ramsey (aramsey@wichita.gov)

Happy New Year! As 2010 begins I can't help but look back and think what a good year 2009 was for the Wichita Area Library Association.

The **Legislative Luncheon** had an amazing turnout with 35 attendees and 7 legislators. Thank you to everyone who came to the luncheon and talked with our legislators. Later in this newsletter you can read all about the **history of WALA** and the many programs and accomplishments through the years.

Some of the great programs we have in store for you this year include a **tour of the new Derby Public Library**. Set for 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 4th, you are invited to come and look at Derby's new facility. After the tour, return to the meeting room where we will have a "Networking and Nibbles" session. Coffee, tea, cookies, and great conversation will be

served.

The **Kansas Library Association Conference** is set for April 7th through 9th. Look for WALA's "**Networking and Nibbles**" session there as well! We at WALA think very highly of talking to and sharing information with your fellow librarians, and KLA gives a great opportunity to speak with people from all across Kansas and beyond. The **Annual Meeting** is attentively set for May 19th. Look for more information as the spring progresses.

The WALA board has decided to send out a **survey** in the coming weeks. We will be asking WALA members and non-members how WALA can better serve you and your library. Please take the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wala> and forward the link to any librarian or library worker in the SCKLS counties.



WALA President: Amy Ramsey.

Many wishes for a healthy and happy 2010 and the hope that I see all of you at WALA's many programs this spring!
-Amy Ramsey
WALA President 2009-2010

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Announcements

Feb. 4 Tour of the new Derby Public Library, 7pm, followed by refreshments. WALA Board Meeting at 6pm.

Look for our MARCH Networking and Nibbles program. Roy Bird of the State Library of Kansas will be in Wichita to talk about the Kansas Reads one book/one state project, and this year's selection: "Dreams from my Father" by Barack Obama.

WALA Updates

The History of WALA

Over the years we have had members from all types of libraries--law, medical, aerospace, academic, public, military, art museum, church, school--ALL ARE WELCOME!!

WALA members have been involved in legislative issues, going to Topeka to testify and speak with Legislators, serving on KLA committees and being presenters at conferences.

Our history has been one of activism and outreach, education and professional support and networking with an eye on career building. WALA is a dynamic organization working at the local level for local libraries!

The Wichita Area Library Association started in 1988 as a way to educate and empower librarians in Wichita and the surrounding areas and is dedicated to

supporting libraries and library employees in the 13 SCKLS counties. The organization works to improve library services and access for the Wichita area community of library users.

WALA (Wichita Area Library Association) seeks to:

- Heighten awareness of resources and services available to its member libraries
- Further professional development of area librarians through continuing education programs, special workshops, and advertising other workshops held in the area.
- Inform member libraries of issues and activities that relate to interlibrary cooperation
- Promote resource sharing

- Serve as a link to libraries and library related networks

One way WALA accomplishes its mission is by presenting or sponsoring workshops. Those workshops have included copyright, networking, professional growth, collection development and the future of libraries to name a few.

Another way is by bringing librarians together. We hold frequent networking opportunities, such as library tours, a holiday party and luncheons throughout the year. Being a part of a local organization is essential for any professional in any field. Let the Wichita Area Library Association be a part of your career.



Did you know about?

Patent & Trademark Depository Library

One of the first big, huge in fact, projects for WALA was the Patent & Trademark Depository Library (PTDL). With the help of Don Skokan, Candia Welch, and Sharon Ailsieger, WALA was integral in starting the process for petitioning the Kansas Legislature to support and fund

the PTDL, housed at Wichita State University since 1991.

Legislative Luncheon

WALA presents a Legislative Luncheon each November so that library employees, board members, and friends may have the chance to encourage their legislators to support libraries.

Book Buddy

WALA has put books for children ages 2-18 in the officers' cars of the Sedgewick County Sheriffs Department. The books allow law enforcement officers to offer children something to read and hang onto while potentially volatile and traumatic family situations are being resolved.

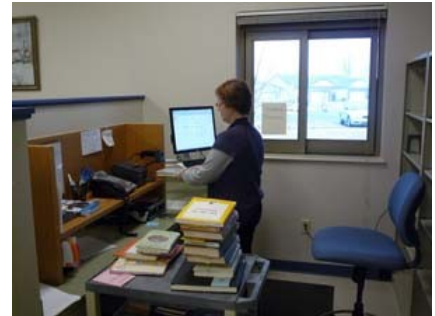
New Library is the Crown Jewel of the Community

November 14 marked opening day for the new Derby Public Library located at 1600 E. Walnut Grove. The doors opened at 9:00 am and 3300 visitors turned out to see what had taken more than a year to build. The new 36,000 square foot facility was designed with an emphasis on technology and energy saving features.



Opening Day crowd

There are 6 computers in the teen area and 4 available in the children's area. Two self check stations are available for fast easy check-outs. The public access computers are managed by a PC reservation software so patrons no longer have to check in at the front desk to use a computer.



Drive up window

ogy area with microfilm reader and computer. Ancestry.com is now available for library patrons to use while in the library.

The library has wireless internet connectivity throughout the building. Including staff computers and catalog computers, there are more than 70 computers in the building. The computer lab features 17 thin client com-



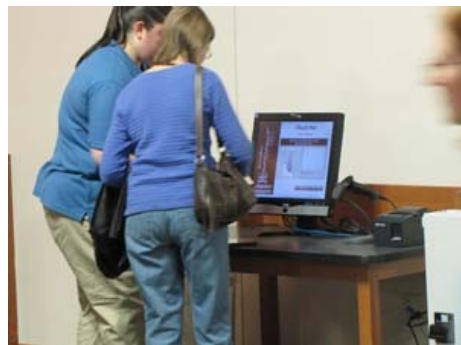
Children playing on the early literacy computers

The library has 3 study rooms, a conference room, and a community room. Vending machines and a coffee area are available in



Children's area

the periodicals reading area. There are numerous sections throughout the library where community members can read, study, or socialize.



New self check station

A drive thru lane located on the east side of the building has a drive up window where materials can be picked up. Library materials can also be dropped off at the materials return slots located in the drive thru lane.

The new library now has space for a dedicated general-



Inside Front Doors Library Gathering Space

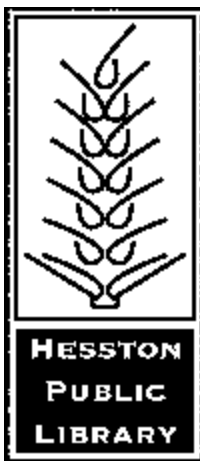
Libraries Updates

Around WALA Land

Hesston Public Library Open House - Jan. 14

The Library Board and staff of the Hesston Public Library held an Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 14 at the library. The open house honored Chris Buller for her 20 years of service and dedication as library director and provided an opportunity to meet the new director, Cari Cusick.

Refreshments were served.



Also, attendees will have a chance to look at plans for Hesston new library, which we are planning to move into in fall of this year.

Recipe from the Holiday Party!

A great time was had by all who attended the Annual Holiday Party. Delicious food and crazy books were shared. Thank you to Anita Brozik from Derby Public Schools for sharing her recipe for the yummy Hot Fruit Salad:

Hot Fruit Salad

1 jar (25 oz) chunky applesauce
 1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling
 1 can (20 oz) pineapple chunks, undrained
 1 can (15 1/4 oz) sliced peaches, undrained
 1 can (15 1/4 oz) apricot halves, undrained
 1 can (15 oz) mandarin oranges, undrained
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Place the first six ingredients in a slow cooker and stir gently. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over fruit mixture. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours. Yield: 16 servings

Wichita Public Library News: Disc Resurfacer, Children's Books to Be Purchased

The Wichita Public Library Foundation has received a \$25,000 grant from the Wichita Community Foundation which will enable the Wichita Public Library to improve service for customers using its DVD, CD, audio book and children's book collections.

"This generous grant allows for the purchase a new resurfacer, with the capacity for resurfacing 50 discs at a time rather than just one, supplies for the resurfacer, and 700 new children's books for the Westlink Branch Library," said Art, Music and Video Section Manager Sarah Shetlar. "We currently have a backlog of about 1,000 discs that need attention and can't wait for the new machine."

Not a WALA Member? Join WALA Today

Everyone can contribute to the association's professional endeavors, social activities and special projects to assist area libraries. Best of all, our fees are only \$15.00 a year, a bargain in this economy! WALA offers programs, tours, speakers and trainings. Our monthly board meetings are open to all WALA members. We produce newsletters that include our own upcoming events, plus those of our member libraries.

Mock Newbery and Caldecott Discussion Results

The Third Annual SCKLS Mock Newbery and Caldecott discussion was held Friday, December 11th at the Haysville Community Library. Participants discussed a wide array of titles with subjects as varied as an ecological mystery to Civil War family issues. Illustrations went from the absurd to charming. Information about the Newbery and Caldecott Awards was discussed.



This year's results were:

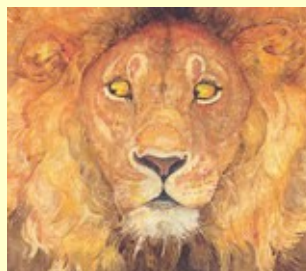
Newbery: *Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Newbery Honor Books:
Scat by Carl Hiaasen
Peace Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Caldecott: *The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney

Caldecott Honor Books:
Curious Garden by Peter Brown
Tsunami! By Kimko Kajikawa, illustrated by Ed Young
Otis by Loren Long

To see the complete list of titles visit the SCKLS website: <http://www.sckls.info/index.aspx?nid=122>
 Thank you to all who participated and read, sharing their unique opinions and insights. It may just be possible that one of the above titles may be a nationally recognized book for youth. We must wait to hear the official announcements from ALA in Boston,



SCKLS Hosts Interns

Jessica Gagnon, Haysville, a Library Assistant in the Children's Department of the Wichita Public Library Central Branch and Anne Ethen, Wichita, an attorney with over 20 years experience in legal research and writing, are currently interns for the South Central Kansas Library System, South Hutchinson. Gagnon's area of interest is library service to young adults while Ethen is focusing on public library administration and services. Both Gagnon and Ethen are currently graduate students in the library and information science program at Emporia KS State University.

2010 SCKLS Grants

Given the continuing state level reductions and other economic factors that affect library funding, SCKLS and its Executive Committee want to assure member libraries of our commitment and support for all budgeted SCKLS grant programs for 2010.

We have chosen to reduce spending in areas that don't directly impact grants to member libraries. These grant programs which total \$1,187,000 for member public, academic, school and special libraries include the following:

Grants-in-Aid: Public & Academic Libraries \$982,000

Grants—Resource Sharing: School & Special Libraries \$5,000

Grants—Resource Sharing: Public & Academic Libraries \$50,000

Grants-Continuing Education \$45,000

Grants-General Technology Matching \$40,000

Grants-Automation Matching \$50,000

Grants-Programming \$7,500

Grants-Summer Reading \$7,500

For more information about these grants visit the SCKLS website: www.sckls.info

By Paul Hawkins, SCKLS Director





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