



WALA Fall Newsletter



Eric Gustafson,
WALA President,
Derby Public
Library

Hi, WALA members — it's good to be back for another exciting year! First of all, please let me introduce myself. My name is Eric Gustafson and I am the director of the Derby Public Library. Before coming to Derby, I served as director of the Morrill Public Library in Hiawatha, KS, a town of about 3,000 people. Many of you first met me when I was a technology consultant for the Kansas State Library (the one in Topeka, not in Manhattan). I also currently serve as the WALA webmaster and the KLA webmaster. In my spare time I enjoy a variety of different hobbies. I am a runner, cyclist and disc golfer. I also like to homebrew, but that is generally limited to winter as I tend to spend a lot of time outdoors during summer.

This should be another great year for WALA. Coming up on September 25th, we are hosting "Make the Connection" at the Alford branch of the Wichita Public Library at 6:30 PM. We hope you can join us for a good networking opportunity targeted specifically at new library employees of all backgrounds. Coming up on November 19th, we will have our annual legislative luncheon at Corporate Caterers. More details on this will be available soon.

If you haven't had a chance to renew your WALA membership, this is a great time to do so! For only \$15, it's the best value of any professional organization. To join, just visit our new website at www.walaks.org.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you better!

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Find Us on Facebook!

Don't keep WALA the best-kept secret in Kansas library land! Like us on Facebook and invite your friends to do the same.

We are always happy to post about events or job openings at WALA libraries — just send a link to Ruth Harries at ruth.harries@wichita.edu.

SCKLS Job Openings

SCKLS has two openings for Technology Consultants. The positions provide a variety of support and training to member libraries and staff. Complete job descriptions are available at: <http://sckls.info/index.aspx?NID=140>

Upcoming Events

September 25:
Make the Connection —
See p. 7 for details

October 29-31:
Kansas Library Conference —
Come visit us at our information booth!

November 19:
Legislative Luncheon —
Details to come

WALA 2014 - 2015

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Pages for Paraguay

The Pages for Paraguay Project is wrapping up on September 30. If you have a book donation box at your location, you can take it down on October 1 and contact Anne Harris at (316) 261-8568 with the hours and days she can come pick up the books. If you haven't made a donation to this worthwhile project, you may still do so by visiting treesforlife.org. Thanks for your help in bringing the gift of reading to the children at San Marcos Elementary in Paraguay!

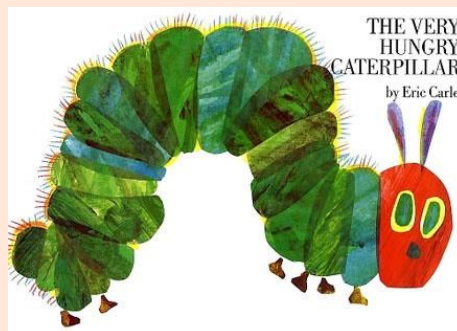
Kid Lit For Adults at Wichita Public Library

Join an informal monthly book discussion of quality children's literature. Hear different perspectives and share your ideas! Approved for professional credit by Wichita Public Schools and in-service hours by Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Call (316) 337-9456 to register.
All sessions held at Westlink
Branch Library, 8515 Bekemeyer,
from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

October 11th: **Eric Carle**
Registration starts Sep. 24
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Mixed-Up Chameleon
From Head to Toe
Friends

November 8th: **Denise Fleming**
Registration starts Oct. 22
In the Tall Tall Grass
Time to Sleep
The Cow Who Clucked
Shout! Shout It Out!



Annual Meeting

WALA's annual meeting took place on May 22 and included a luncheon, business meeting, and election of officers. The program was "Celebrating 75 Years of the Sedgwick County Historical Museum," presented by Eric Cale, the museum's executive director.

Immediate past president Jean Hatfield with current WALA president Eric Gustafson



WALA members mingled over lunch.

Joe Forte, former treasurer and long-time WALA member, was recognized for his years of service.



Eric Cale, executive director of the Sedgwick County Historical Museum, was our keynote speaker.

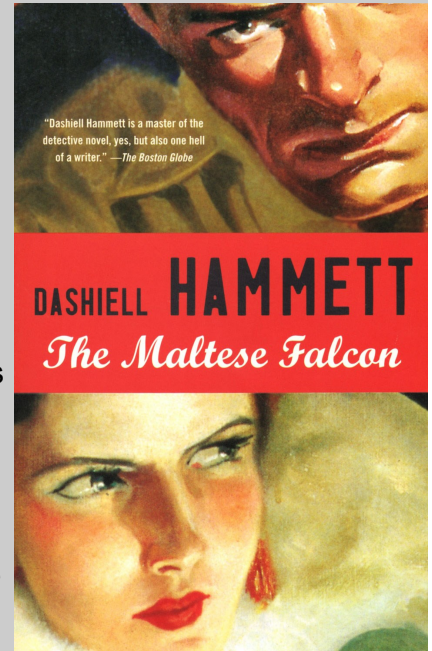
The Big Read Returns to Wichita!

The Wichita Public Library will host the seventh annual Big Read Wichita from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 2014. Numerous libraries in south-central Kansas will participate in reading and celebrating Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*.

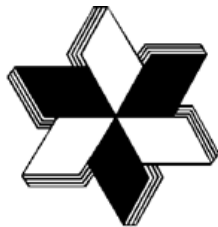
A classic American spy novel, *The Maltese Falcon* was published in 1930 and is part thriller, part love story, and part dry, dark comedy. Featured events include:

- a lecture on American crime fiction by The Big Read Wichita's Honorary Program Chair, Gaylord Dold, on Oct. 5 at the Central Library (223 S. Main, Wichita);
- a screening of three films based on *The Maltese Falcon* on Oct. 17 at the Central Library;
- and a Falcon Day Finale on Nov. 8 at the Great Plains Nature Center (6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita).

In addition, there will be a noir film series, a crime fiction writer's workshop and many book discussions. Book discussion partnership forms and a full list of events are available on The Big Read Wichita website, www.bigreadwichita.org.



Congratulations to the Wichita Public Library!



WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Discovery Center
www.wichita.lib.ks.us

On June 26, 2014, the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) recognized 22 public libraries from throughout the United States and Canada as 2014 "Top Innovators."

ULC's Innovations Initiative highlights library programs, services and operating practices that demonstrate leadership by creating new approaches and practices to ensure that public libraries are meeting the ever-changing needs of their communities. The Wichita Public Library was selected for honorable mention recognition in the Civic and Community Engagement category.

The Wichita Public Library has been instrumental in the City of Wichita's initiative to increase engagement with residents, in part, by creating and managing the [Activate Wichita](http://ActivateWichita.org) website. Nearly 1,500 people are using Activate Wichita to share their opinions on issues ranging from library services and fireworks to the City's transit system and water supply. More than 400 ideas for ways to improve the community have been suggested by Activate Wichita participants.

Read more about all of this year's Top Innovators at urbanlibraries.org.



Make the Connection!



The Wichita Area Library Association would like to invite all library staff who may be new to the area, to the library world or to the profession to join us for a networking event. This is an opportunity to “meet and greet” and to get to know WALA members and learn more about WALA. You don’t need to be a member of WALA to attend!

For more information contact Eric at eric@derbylibrary.com or Jean at jhatfield@wichita.gov

Thursday, September 25th 2014

6 pm to 7:30 pm

Alford Branch Library

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www.wichita.lib.ks.us



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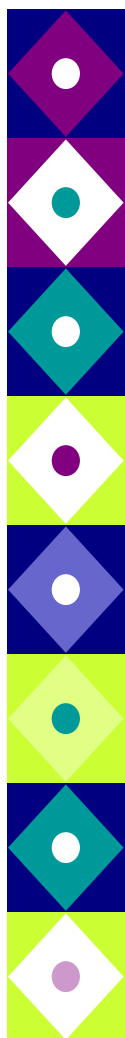
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Do you know a library staff member who would enjoy the social interaction and networking opportunities that WALA offers? Do you have a coworker who could contribute to our local organization? Do you have an employee who has great ideas and loves to be involved with the community? If so, encourage them to become a member of the Wichita Area Library Association!

For \$15.00 a year, membership for WALA is a steal! All they need to do is fill out a membership application and mail it and a check for \$15.00 (made payable to WALA) to

Kendra Mork, WALA Treasurer
 Goddard Public Library
 201 N. Main St.
 Wichita, KS 67213

Membership forms can be found on our website:
<http://walaks.org/>



The Wichita Area Library Association (WALA) is an organization of library professionals started in 1982 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.

Read *WALA NEWS* at: <http://walaks.org/newsletter/>

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