



## WALA Spring Newsletter Message from the President

Hello, WALA members! It's hard to believe that the WALA year is almost over. It has been another great year for our organization, and I would like to thank each of you for being a part of it.

It was great to see many of you at our library tour and Spring Symposium. It's amazing that we have so many great events in such a small organization. However, we are growing! We surpassed 50 members for the first time this year. That's a great milestone; let's work on continuing to grow.

I hope that you are coming to our Annual meeting on May 21st from 11:30 to 1:00. This year's meeting is at the Hyde park shelter in downtown Wichita. Roy Bird is this year's speaker, and he will be talking about Carnegie libraries in Kansas. It's sure to be a great time!

We're already thinking about next year, and we hope that you are too. "Make the Connection," our networking event for new professionals, will be at Alford Branch of the Wichita Public Library at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. This is a great chance to invite the new professionals at your library to get to know other area librarians.

Now is a great time to take care of your WALA membership for next year! For only \$15, it's the best value of any professional organization. To join, just visit our new website at [www.walaks.org](http://www.walaks.org)

Thanks again for a great year!

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Eric Gustafson,  
WALA President,  
Derby Public  
Library



## 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](mailto:ruth.harries@wichita.edu).

# WALA 2014 - 2015

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## Upcoming Events

May 21:  
WALA Annual Meeting —  
See p. 5 for details

September 17:  
Make the Connection —  
6:00 PM, Alford Branch,  
Wichita Public Library

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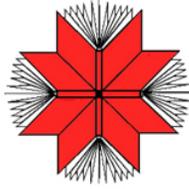
# WALA SNAPSHOTS



WALA members  
toured the Andover  
Public Library  
on March 2.



Micaela Ayers, WALA board members Rita Severt and Tom Taylor, and Terri Summey formed a panel to discuss the MPLA Leadership Institute during the WALA Spring Symposium on April 13.



**HUTCHINSON**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

901 N. MAIN, HUTCHINSON KS 67501  
620-663-5441



Photo by Emily Park

The Friends of the Hutchinson Public Library will sponsor an author event featuring historical mystery writer Alex Grecian on Friday, May 29. The library will close at 6 p.m. and re-open at 6:30 for this after-hours event. Alex will begin speaking about his newly released thriller, *THE HARVEST MAN*, at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor below the library's mezzanine.

Returning once again to the crime-ridden streets of Victorian London, national bestselling author Alex Grecian continues his acclaimed series of historical thrillers featuring Scotland Yard's Murder Squad with *THE HARVEST MAN* (G.P. Putnam's Sons). Jack the Ripper has been set free and there is a brutal new killer dubbed the Harvest Man on the loose as well.

With brilliant, natural-born investigator Inspector Walter Day recovering at a desk job, and his sloppy but straight-arrow colleague Sergeant Nevil Hammersmith dismissed from the force, these two ominous madmen stalk the foggy night streets of London unbridled.

"If Charles Dickens isn't somewhere clapping his hands for this, Wilkie Collins surely is," raves Marilyn Stasio of the *New York Times* about the riveting Murder Squad series. Crafted with keen psychological insight, stunning details, and unrivaled narrative skill, *THE HARVEST MAN* certainly delivers Alex Grecian's most shocking twist yet.

Alex Grecian is the national bestselling author of *The Yard*, *The Black Country*, and *The Devil's Workshop*, the first three titles in Scotland Yard's Murder Squad series. He also created the long-running and critically acclaimed graphic novel series *Proof*, which NPR named one of the best books of 2009, and the recently released *Rasputin*. *The Yard* was nominated for the Barry Award and the Strand Magazine Critics' Award, and was named one of 2012's best ten crime novels by Kirkus Reviews. Grecian lives in Topeka, Kansas, with his wife and son. For more information about the author, please visit: [www.AlexGrecian.com](http://www.AlexGrecian.com)

Copies of Alex Grecian's two most recent titles in Scotland Yard's Murder Squad series, *THE DEVIL'S WORKSHOP* (paperback) and *THE HARVEST MAN* (hardback), will be available for purchase and autographing. For more information about this free author event, visit the library's web site at [www.hutchpl.org](http://www.hutchpl.org) or contact Annette at 620-663-5441, ext. 132 or [amsmith59@gmail.com](mailto:amsmith59@gmail.com).



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The Patent & Trademark Resource Center at Wichita State University Libraries in conjunction with United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is hosting a free webinar on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. about resources to help applicants secure free or reduced fee legal representation and assistance with patent filings to protect their inventions. The webinar is an especially excellent opportunity for independent inventors and those interested in learning more about the patent system to discover what services the USPTO has to offer. To register, please go to: <https://wsupatents.eventbrite.com> or contact Jo Gregg at [jo.gregg@wichita.edu](mailto:jo.gregg@wichita.edu), 978-5017 or Kaitlyn Harshman at [kaitlyn.harshman@wichita.edu](mailto:kaitlyn.harshman@wichita.edu), 978-5071.

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**Join us for BBQ, Ballots and (Roy) Bird**

**2015**

# **WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

LUNCH WILL BE CATERED BY HOG WILD  
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**Guest Speaker:  
Roy Bird  
“Carnegie  
Libraries in  
Kansas”**

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**Members \$15  
Non-members  
\$20**

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Community Building  
201 S Greenwood  
Wichita KS

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**May 21, 2015**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

[www.walaks.org](http://www.walaks.org)

# Join us!

Read *WALA NEWS* at:

[http://walaks.org/  
newsletter/](http://walaks.org/newsletter/)

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  
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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.**

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