



WALA Spring Newsletter Message from the President

Hello WALA members!

It was so great to see everyone at the Legislative Luncheon and Holiday Party. We have some great events coming up this spring:

On March 7th, we will have our annual dine out and library tour. This year we will be taking a tour of C-Space in Ablah Library at Wichita State University. We will meet for dinner around 5:15 p.m. at Adrian's at 21st and Rock Road. The tour will begin at 7:00 p.m. and a WALA board meeting will follow. Come and go as you please; you are welcome to attend just the dinner or only the tour.

This year's Spring Symposium will be April 11th at the Sudermann Commons Room at the Wichita State University Metroplex. The theme will be Human Resources. We will focus on managing employees, student workers, and volunteers. Intergenerational working relationships will also be a key topic.

More details about these events will be forthcoming. If you haven't had a chance to renew your WALA membership, this is a great time to do so! For only \$15, it is a great value. To join, visit our website at www.walaks.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

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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 Sara Butts at sara.butts@wichita.edu.

Upcoming Events

March 7:
Library Tour and WALA Board Meeting
@ WSU Ablah Library
7:00 PM in C-Space (1st floor)
More information on page 7 ...

April 11:
WALA Spring Symposium @ WSU
Metroplex 1:00-4:00 PM
Sudermann Rm. 180

May 19:
WALA Annual Meeting @ Hyde Park
Community Building (201 S. Greenwood)

WALA 2015 - 2016

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‘Tour de Wichita’ Adult Reading Challenge @ Wichita Public Library

January 4 - March 18, 2016

Challenge yourself to read more and explore a variety of genres in Wichita Public Library’s new reading challenge. Each of the 15 Wichita attractions above are represented by a literary genre. A participant who reads five books from five genres will receive a certificate for free books from the Central Library Used Bookstore. After 10 books, the participant will receive a Tour de Wichita sports bottle. After completing the tour with 15 books, participants will be entered into the grand prize drawing. Participants could win prizes such as passes to local attractions, signed books, and an opportunity to be featured on a Wichita Public Library READ poster. For more information and book suggestions, visit

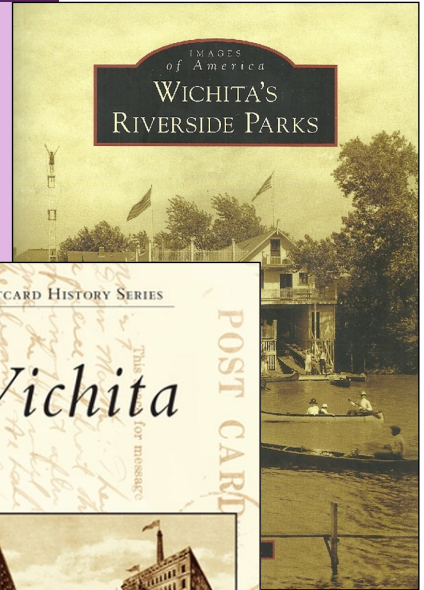
<http://wichitalibrary.org/Pages/Tour-De-Wichita.aspx>.

Libraries Gain Much Needed Recognition in the Educational System

The latest rewrite of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10th, 2015. “Specialized instructional support personnel” has been redefined to include “school librarians.” This new language should justify the importance of having a certified librarian in every school. For more about this important issue, read the School Library Journal article at <http://www.slj.com/2015/12/industry-news/every-student-succeeds-act-and-federal-support-of-school-libraries-passes-house-and-senate/>

Legislative Luncheon

The annual WALA Legislative Luncheon took place on November 17, 2015 at the Terradyne Country Club. Librarians from the Wichita area had the opportunity to discuss current issues with the Kansas legislators in attendance. Author James "Jim" Mason gave an engaging presentation on "Wichita's History in Postcards."



Holiday Party

The 2015 WALA holiday party took place at Newman University's Dugan Library where attendees gathered for a potluck dinner and annual white elephant book exchange.





Film Series Returns to Wichita

Wichita Public Library will be previewing the Academy Award®-nominated animated, live action and documentary shorts for the 30th year in a row - one of the first in the nation to provide a screening for the community. Wichitans have the opportunity to view all of these during the Library's Academy Award Shorts® programs held February 6-27. All showings are free to the public.

"To qualify as a short subject for Academy Award® consideration, films must be less than 40 minutes in running time (including all credits). Shorts are typically not rated and may not be suitable for all audiences" (Wichita Public Library). For more information about the Wichita Public Library's Academy Award® Shorts programs, please contact the Art, Music and Video section at (316) 261-8506 or visit the library's website www.wichita.lib.ks.us

Showtimes

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2 - 4 p.m., Central Library - Auditorium, 223 S. Main
Spotlight on Local Movie Makers: Leif Jonker, Rod Pocowatchit, and Paul Klusman

Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway
Short Films

Sunday, Feb. 21, 1:15 - 4 p.m., Alford Branch - Meeting Room, 3447 S. Meridian
Animated and Live Action

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 4 - 7:45 p.m., Westlink Branch - Meeting Room, 8515 Bekemeyer
Animated and Live Action

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Central Library - Auditorium, 223 S. Main
Documentaries

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4 - 7:45 p.m., Central Library - Auditorium, 223 S. Main
Animated and Live Action

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1 - 4 p.m., Rockwell Branch - Meeting Room, 5939 E. 9th
Documentaries

Thursday, Feb. 25, 4 - 7:45 p.m., Evergreen Branch, 2601 N. Arkansas
Animated and Live Action

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St.
Short Films

For more information and a complete list of showings, visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us.

Spring Library Tour: March 7, 2015



Dinner

5:15 PM

Adrian's Cafe

2121 N. Rock Rd. Suite 300

Wichita, KS 67206

<http://www.adrianscafe.com/>

Tour of C-Space

7:00 PM

Board Meeting to Follow

Wichita State University

1845 Fairmount St.

Wichita, KS 67260

<http://libraries.wichita.edu/ablah/>



INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY TO RECHARGE AND CONNECT

When: Friday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: WATC National Center for Aviation Campus

4004 N. Webb Road, Wichita, Kansas 67226



2016 Keynote Speaker

Dr. Mark David Milliron

Co-Founder

& Chief Learning Officer

Civitas Learning

Register and view

the event schedule at:

<http://itrackansas.com>

iTRAC 2016 Keynote Description:

Challenging Students to Step Up in a Digital Democracy

As we boldly move into the future, we are challenged to create thoughtful frameworks for our continuing inclusion of technology in how we work, play, learn, and contribute as active citizens. This keynote presents a framework for thinking about technology in education, but more so for thinking about education in our "digital democracy." This presentation will share strategies and vision a future where we (1) challenge students to bring more purpose, engagement, and tenacity—what many call the non-cognitive factors, resilience, and grit—to bear on their learning journeys and (2) put innovation and technology use in our institutions on purpose to create more learning-centered, high-value education pathways.

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

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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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