Hello Wichita Area Library Association members!

My name is Sara Butts and I am a librarian at Wichita State University (WSU) where I work with the government document collection and I teach patrons about patents and trademarks. WSU is a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) as well as a Federal Depository Library (FDL).

I am looking forward to a great year at WALA as we enjoy some of our favorite activities. Our WALA Happy Hour was a lot of fun and we had an opportunity to make some new friends. We are looking forward to KLA and the Legislative Luncheon next, followed by the annual Holiday Party, which will be held at Mulvane Public Library for a change of scenery. Many thanks to Director Shanna Smith for the warm invitation.

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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 events or job openings at WALA libraries - just send a link to Sara Butts at sara.butts@wichita.edu.
WALA HAPPY HOUR
Party like a librarian!

Six WALA board members and two non-members gathered for food and drinks after work on September 28th. We gave Helen Rigdon a proper send-off as she moves to Iowa for a new position.
BIG READ WICHITA

Author Event: Kao Kalia Yang
Hear from the author of this year’s Big Read Wichita book! Kao Kalia Yang is a teacher, public speaker, and writer. She is the author of the award-winning book, The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir. Kao Kalia Yang is a member of the Hmong ethnic minority living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Born in Thailand’s Ban Vinai Refugee Camp, Yang is now an American citizen. Her presentation will be followed by a Q&A and a book signing. Books will be for sale by Watermark Books at this event which is free and open to the public.
Thursday, October 12, 7-9 p.m., De Mattias Performance Hall, Newman University, 3100 McCormick Street, Wichita

Find more Big Read Wichita events from October 1 to November 15 at http://www.wichitalibrary.org/bigread/pages/events.aspx.

Advanced Learning Library Opening in 2018

Follow the construction of the Wichita Public Library’s new Advanced Learning Library at http://wichitalibrary.org/all.
The Kansas Library Association
2017 Conference
October 25-27

KLAEF Basket

The WALA board has gathered items for an Early Literacy KLAEF basket. Books and other items in the basket are intended for toddlers aged 3-4 years old. The basket would be perfect for any parent, caregiver, librarian, or professional who works with this age group. Stop by the auction table to bid on this basket or stop by the WALA information table to say "hi" or to pick up a WALA brochure and membership form.
Legislative Luncheon
Monday, November 20, 2017
12:00-1:30 pm
YaYa's Euro Bistro
8115 E. 21st St. N.
Wichita, KS 67206
Details about the guest speaker and cost of the meal will be available at http://walaks.org and on Facebook.

Holiday Party
Friday, December 8, 2017
5:30 pm
Mulvane Public Library
408 N. 2nd Ave.
Mulvane, KS 67110
Wichita State University Libraries presents...

Halloween ComicFest

Events and Schedule

Special Events and Activities

- Roundtable discussions on various fandom topics
- Greenscreen Photo Booth
- Film Screening: Nosferatu begins at 2:00 PM
- 3-D Printing for Cosplay Demonstrations
- Kids Craft Table
- Free Comic Books! (while supplies last)
- Prize Wheel (while supplies last)

For more information regarding events and schedule, go to:
http://libresources.wichita.edu/comicfest

When:
Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 - 4 p.m.

Where:
WSU Ablah Library, 1st Floor, C-Space

Who:
All ages, family friendly

Costume Contest
Show off your cosplay skills! Win prizes!

Adult Contest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes awarded.
Judges will look for Appearance, Authenticity, Workmanship, and Creativity

Three youth categories: Ages 0-6, 7-12, and 13-17
All contestants must register by 2:30 p.m. - Pre-judging starts at 3 p.m.
Family appropriate costumes please. No open carry weapons, costume or otherwise, allowed.

Food drive for Shocker Support Locker!
Bring donations for more opportunities to win prizes!

Needed items include: non-perishable foods, canned chicken and tuna, cereals, granola/ granola bars, canned fruit and soups, peanut butter and jelly, hygiene products. For more information regarding the Shocker Support Locker, go to: www.wichita.edu/foodpantry

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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

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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 established 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 library users in the Wichita community.

Submit materials for WALA News to: Sara Butts at sara.butts@wichita.edu.