



WALA Winter Newsletter Message from the President



Hello Wichita Area Library Association members!

Thank you to all who attended the Legislative Luncheon at YaYa's EuroBistro in November. Twelve legislators took time out of their busy schedules to attend, setting a record for the most legislators at any of our Legislative Luncheon events! I also want to thank Suzanne Tobias at *The Wichita Eagle* for taking the time to speak at our event and addressing the importance of news and literacy in a way that appealed to all.


We had a fun Holiday Party at Mulvane Public Library where we had a good meal, entertaining book exchange, and a lot of laughs playing Cards Against Librarianship.

I am looking forward to a great Spring as we approach the March Board Meeting and Library Tour at Southeast High School, followed by the Spring Symposium at Derby Public Library in April, and the Annual Meeting at Hyde Park in May.

Sincerely,
Sara Butts
WALA President

Upcoming WALA Events

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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 events or job openings at WALA libraries - just send a link to Sara Butts at sara.butts@wichita.edu.

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Legislative Luncheon



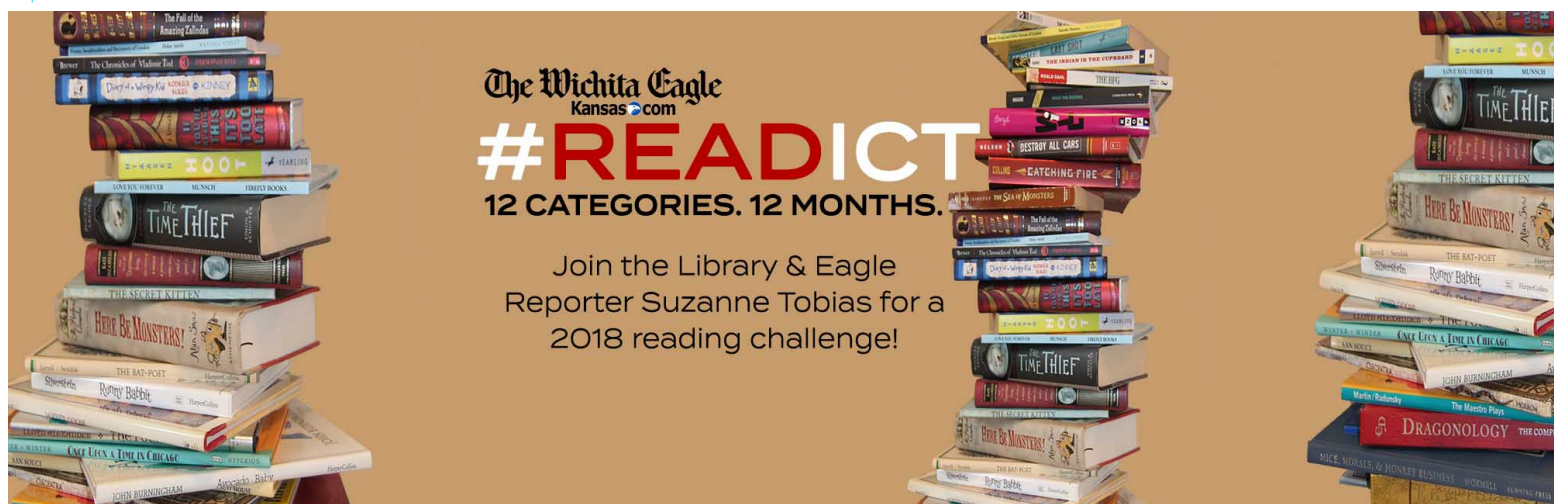
Top: WALA Legislative Luncheon attendees at YaYa's Eurobistro.
Bottom, left to right: Keynote Speaker: Suzanne Tobias, *Wichita Eagle* reporter; WALA President Sara Butts; WALA Past President Tom Taylor.

#ReadICT

Wichita Public Library joins *The Wichita Eagle* and reporter Suzanne Tobias with a challenge for adults to read 12 books in 2018. To make it fun and a little bit challenging, Suzanne has created 12 different categories of books to read--and these categories might not be what you'd expect!

Categories

1. A library book
2. A graphic novel
3. A detective/true crime book
4. A book about reading or writing
5. A book recommended by a friend
6. A book about a topic in the news
7. An essay or short story collection
8. A book with an animal on the cover
9. A book published the year you were born
10. A book set somewhere you've never been
11. A book by an author coming to Wichita in 2018
12. A book by an author of a different ethnicity than you



Holiday Party



Top: Holiday party attendees enjoying a delicious pot-luck supper at the Mulvane Public Library. Bottom, left to right: Kayla Kettleson, Adult Program Coordinator at Mulvane PL; Beautiful lobby of the Mulvane PL.

March Board Meeting and Library Tour March 5, 2018

5:00 pm: Tour of Wichita Southeast High School
2641 S. 127th Street East
Wichita, KS 67210

Enter on the south side of the building.
The main entrance has a buffalo above the door.

6:30 pm: Dinner at N & J Café and Bakery
5600 E. Lincoln Street
Wichita, KS 67218



save the date

Spring Symposium

Monday, April 9, 2018

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Derby Public Library

1600 E. Walnut Grove

Derby, KS 67037

Topic: Readers Advisory

Speaker details will be available at
<http://walaks.org> and on Facebook.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hyde Park

201 S. Greenwood

Wichita, KS 67211

Our guest speaker will be Grant Snider,
author of *The Shape of Ideas: An Illustrated
Exploration of Creativity*

Join us for Oklahoma Boys BBQ

\$15/WALA members; \$20/non-members

RSVP: Anne Ethen at Aethen@wichita.gov

WALA is Looking for a Few Good Leaders

WALA Leadership Opportunities

Vice President/President Elect

(This is a 3-year term: the first year Vice-President, the second year President, and the third year Past President.)

Secretary

(This is a 2-year commitment.)

3 Board Members

(These are 2-year terms.)

If you are interested in throwing your hat into the WALA ring, please contact:

Sara Butts,

WALA President

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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

Anne Ethen, WALA Treasurer
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Wichita, KS 67204

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: Kathie Buckman, kbuckman@emporia.edu