



WALA Spring Newsletter Message from the President



We have had an excellent year so far and it is all thanks to you, our members, for joining us! On March 5, Gail Becker, Supervisor of Library Media & Textbook Services for Wichita Public Schools, gave a tour of the library at the new Southeast High School. Belita Fry, library clerk at Southeast High School, has done an amazing job of organizing programs and displays with the help of her student aides. The space is used thoughtfully with mobile furniture and laptop carts so that three classrooms can be visiting the library at once. After the tour, we had a brief board meeting followed by dinner at N & J Café and Bakery.


We had a wonderful turnout of 35 members and non-members at our annual WALA Spring Symposium. The theme this year was Everything Reader's Advisory where librarians of all types learned about strategies, trends, and resources. Presenters included Sarah Bagby from Watermark Bookstore, Liz Camfiord at Penguin Random House, Racine Zackula from Wichita Public Library, and Wendy Fjorden from Wichita Public Schools.

Don't miss our Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 17, with guest speaker Grant Snider, author of *The Shape of Ideas: An Illustrated Exploration of Creativity*. Grant will be selling and signing books afterwards. Oklahoma Boys BBQ, a family-owned restaurant in Augusta, will be catering this year. See page 7 for details.

Sincerely,
Sara Butts
WALA President

Upcoming WALA Events

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

WALA 2017-2018 Leadership

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Wichita SE High School Library Tour

On Monday, March 5th, WALA members toured the Wichita SE High School Library. Our very knowledgeable and efficient tour guide was Gail Becker, Wichita Public Schools Supervisor of Library Media. Also assisting her was Library Clerk Belita Fry. After the tour, the Board Members held a brief business meeting, and then met up again for dinner at N & J Café and Bakery. Pictured are: Sara Butts, Belita Fry, Gail Becker, Cynorra Jackson, Racine Zackula, Anne Ethen, Nicole Penley, Angela Paul, Joan Wilson, and Allan Tanner.





MONDAY, APRIL 9TH | 1-4PM

Derby Public Library
1600 Walnut Grove Rd, Derby, Kansas

Presenters

Sarah Bagby, Watermark
Liz Camfiord, Penguin Random House
Racine Zackula, Wichita Public Library
Wendy Fjorden, USD 259

What to Expect?

- Networking with area Librarians
- Interactive Presentations (What have you read lately?)
- Light refreshments
- Giveaways!

This event is free, but please RSVP to Angela Paul, Angela.Paul@wichita.edu.

The WALA Spring Symposium was held at the Derby Public Library on Monday, April 9th from 1:00-4:00. A wonderful collection of speakers presented *Everything Reader's Advisory* to an engaged audience of 35.

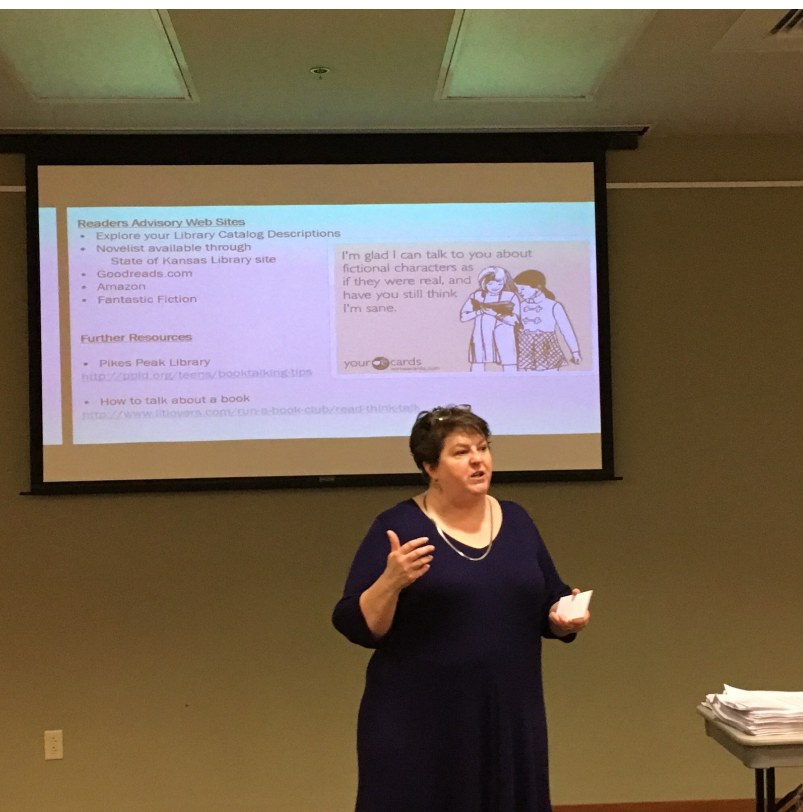
Racine Zackula, Wichita Public Library, lead the charge and presented *Reader's Advisory Basics*.

Wendy Fjorden, Library Media Specialist/Instructional Support at the Wichita Public Schools, presented: *Making Connections: Children's Readers' Advisory*, with the help of a panel of experts.

Our third presentation was delivered by Sarah Bagby of Watermark Books. She demonstrated handselling and talked about new releases.

Our final presenter, Liz Camfiord of Penguin Random House Books, skyped-in and spoke about publishing trends.

Reader's Advisory is always a timely and interesting topic, and it made for a fun and informative afternoon.

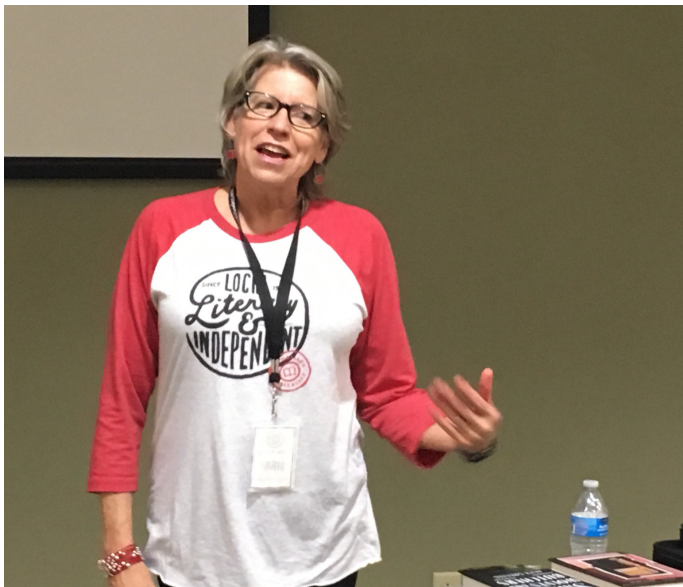


Left: Racine Zackula, Wichita Public Library. Right: Attendees enjoying Racine's presentation.

Spring Symposium

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Top: Christy Goentzel, Brooks Technology & Art Magnet School; Rhonda Willome, L'Ouverture Career Exploration & Technology Magnet School; Tina Qualls, Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School; Kelly Frederick, Mayberry Cultural & Fine Arts Magnet Middle School; Lauree Moore, Adams Elementary School; Andrew Gonzalez, Allen Elementary School; and Wendy Fjorden, Library Media Specialist/Instructional Support, Wichita Public Schools. Bottom, left to right: Sarah Bagby, Watermark Bookstore; Derby Public Library.

Annual Meeting

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
by May 11, 2018.





- KLA/MPLA Conference 2018 -
CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

DUE: JUNE 15
SUBMIT FORM
ONLINE TODAY!

HYATT HOTEL
WICHITA, KS
OCT 24-26

FORM LINK: [HTTP://BIT.LY/MPLAKLA](http://bit.ly/mplakla)

Save the Date

WALA

Meet & Greet

Tuesday, Sept. 18th

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: TBD



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

Sara.Butts@wichita.edu

Thank you, Tom Taylor!



Tom Taylor, Director of the Andover Public Library, was appointed by the Governor, to the State Library of Kansas Board. Tom represents public libraries.

WALA says: "Thank you for serving!"



Smile!

Racine Zackula getting a kick out of the tissue dispenser during the library tour at Wichita SE High, with Allan Tanner looking on.

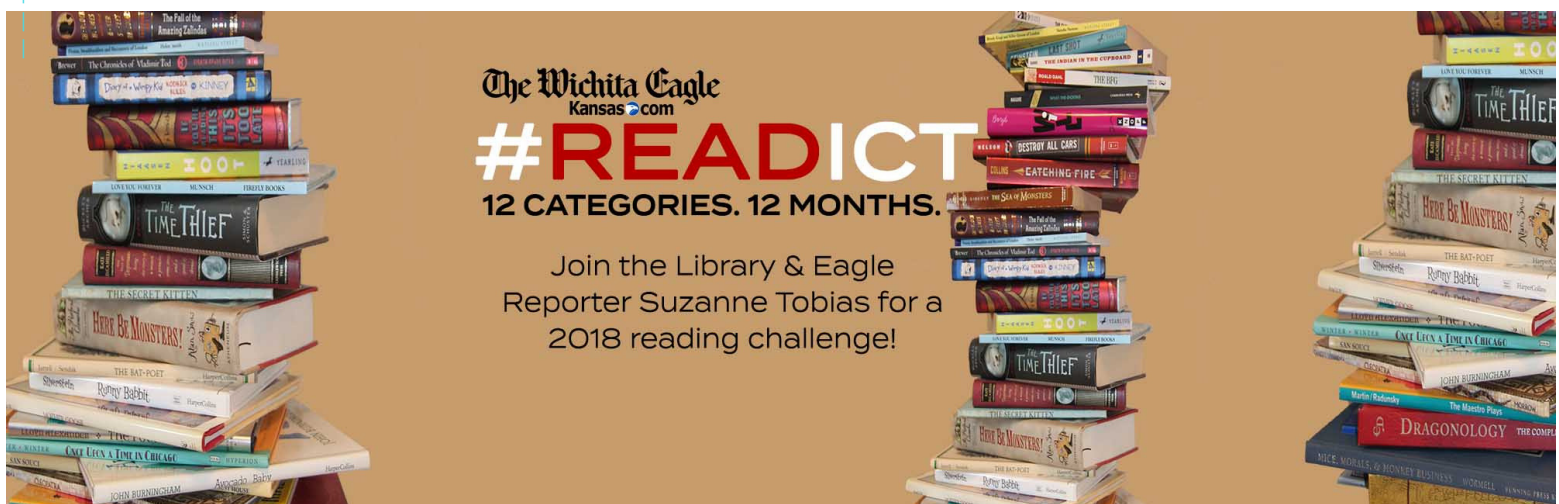


#ReadICT

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



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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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