

# WALA

*Wichita Area Library Association*



## WALA Spring Newsletter Message from our President

### **If You Give a Librarian An Idea.....**

Lately, the City of Wichita has been a vortex of exciting ideas, events and conversations. “The Chung Report” has initiated conversation about how this metro area can retain our most valuable export – our young talent. Speaking as a former youngster who felt the need to go elsewhere, I know that the pull is strong to experience another place. However, with so many great things to offer, I believe that we can stem this exodus with positive actions rather than negative reactions.

Positivity is powerful and contagious. With that in mind, how do we work to make things better through the services we provide? How do we generate customer enthusiasm? We start with ourselves! Get excited! Know that you are an information dynamo! Meet others who work to make themselves and the community better. If you are in WALA, you are taking the first step in connecting with others. But don’t stop here! Try governmental advisory boards, Soup for Art, One Million Cups, Toastmasters, League of Women Voters – this last organization had a young member comment “I thought it would just be old, white women at the meeting. I have met some really amazing people in this organization!”



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**(cont.)**

When you meet with others in the community, you might be surprised to find others who share your mission of helping the community and appreciate what you do. You might meet others who know nothing of your organization, but will be thrilled to learn about all the wonderful services your library provides. Maybe in meeting them, you'll think of a great way to serve that population that you had never thought of before. Maybe in talking about what you do, you'll get more excited about the wonderful work you do – and I know you can make our community better!

Here's your positivity homework:

Read the Chung Report

Attend a meeting you have never attended, with people you may not be all that familiar with.

People who make a positive impact in my life are all of the WALA board members and I want to thank them for joining in to make connections in our community. If you know a board member, thank them for the great work they do.

Racine Zackula  
WALA President



## Upcoming WALA Events

- Legislative Luncheon p. 7
- Halloween Comicfest p. 8
- Holiday Party p. 11

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](mailto:sara.butts@wichita.edu).

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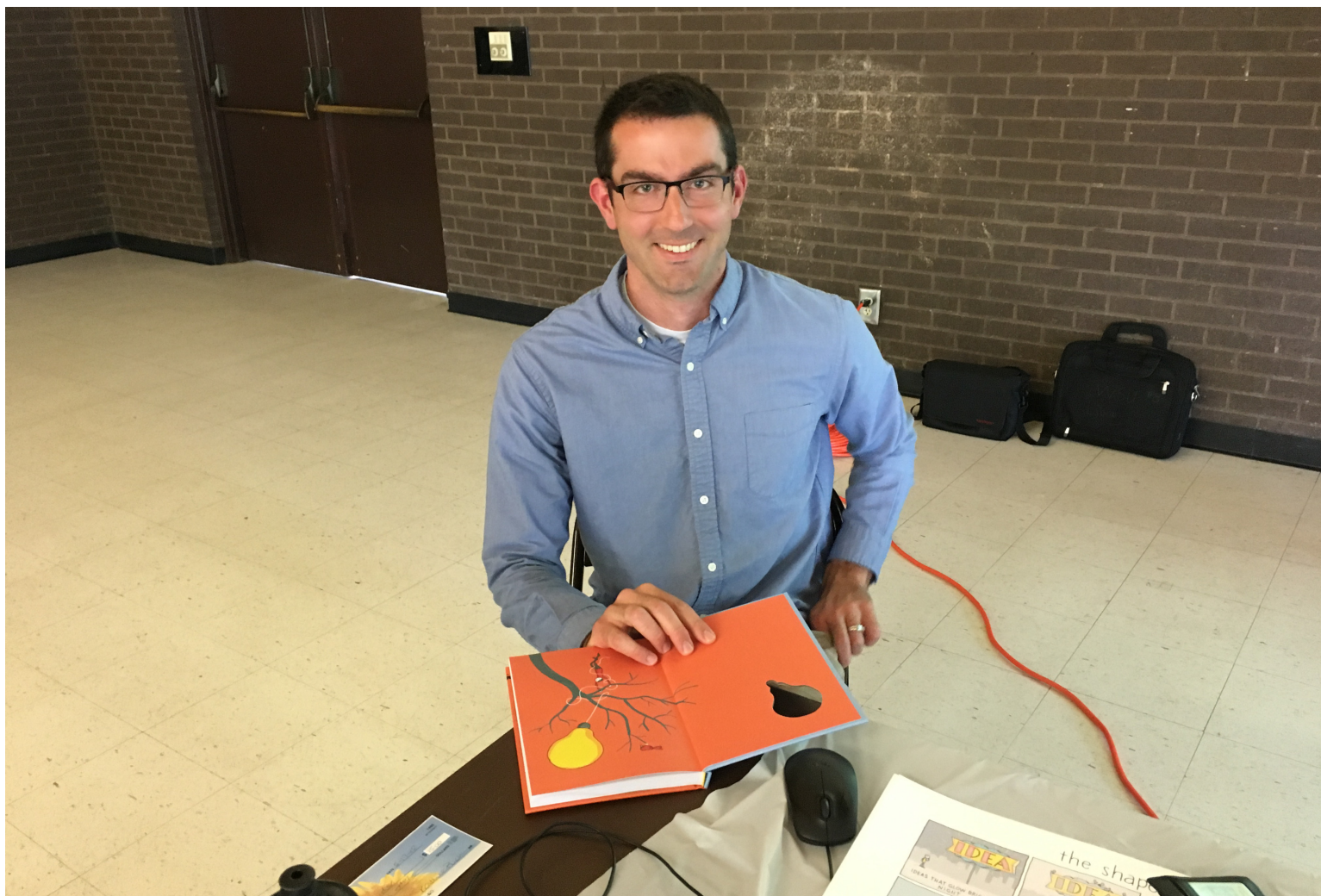
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# WALA Annual Meeting May 17, 2018

On Thursday, May 17th, WALA members gathered at Hyde Park for the Annual Meeting. We enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Oklahoma Boys BBQ--yumm. After lunch, Grant Snider, author of *The Shape of Ideas: An Illustrated Exploration of Creativity*, entertained us with stories about his book and his creative process. Twenty-five WALA members and guests were in attendance.





# Spring Annual Meeting

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Top: Past President Tom Taylor and VP/President Elect Racine Zackula thank President Sara Butts for her year of faithful service. Good job, Sara!

Bottom: Busy bees at the Registration Table....Sara McNeil, Kathy Veatch, and Anne Ethen.



# WALA Meet & Greet September 18, 2018

WALA members and potential new WALA members gathered on September 18, 2018 at Wichita landmark The Anchor for an informal Meet & Greet. During the 2-hour come and go, thirteen library people showed up. Pictured clockwise from lower left: Holly Hutchinson, Jack Robertson, Racine Zackula, Angie Paul, Joan Wilson, Connie Brake, Sara Butts, and Jennifer Durham.



2018

The Wichita Area Library Association and  
South Central Kansas Library System present the

# ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2018  
11:30AM-1:30PM

TWO OLIVES  
2949 N. ROCK RD.  
WICHITA, KS 67226



Please join us and our local  
Legislative Representatives for lunch  
and a presentation by  
State Librarian of Kansas,  
Eric Norris.



RSVP by November 14th to  
Angela Paul at [angela.paul@wichita.edu](mailto:angela.paul@wichita.edu)  
or Anne Ethen at [aethen@wichita.gov](mailto:aethen@wichita.gov)

Cost: \$25 for WALA members  
\$30 for non-members  
Please Pay Onsite





**Saturday,  
October 27, 2018,  
1 - 4:30 p.m.**

**WSU Ablah Library**

**All ages, family friendly!**

**More information:**

<http://libraries.wichita.edu/comicfest2018>

## EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

**Special Events and Activities**

**All activities 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

**unless otherwise noted**

- Greenscreen Photo Booth
- Film Screening: Plan 9 from Outer Space
- 3-D Printing for Cosplay Demonstrations
- Kids Zone (1:00 - 3:30 p.m.)
- Virtual Reality Demonstration
- Learn to Play - Magic: The Gathering (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.)
- Bingo (2:15 - 3:15 p.m.)

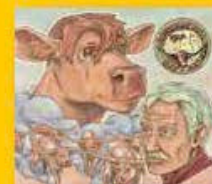
**COSTUME CONTEST!**



## PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

**Keynote Presentation 1:15 - 2 p.m.**

**Luke the Longhorn: Chisholm's Trail** presented by **Dr. Jay Price, Alicia Duran, Andrea Wilson** - C-Space



*Artwork by Miles Foley\**

**Break-out Session 1 - 2:15-2:45 p.m.**

**U.S. Latino Comics: Jaime Hernandez' Locas Stories** presented by **Enrique Navarro** - Room 204

**The 501st Legion: Bad Guys Doing Good** presented by **Adam Hazelwood** - Room 217

**Introduction to Cosplay** presented by **Veronica Dowty** - Special Collections

**Break-out Session 2 - 3:00-3:30 p.m.**

**Tebeos: Spanish Comics During Francolism** presented by **Shaleh Ake** - Room 204

**Star Wars In the Classroom** presented by **Christine Leddon** - Room 217

**Single Bound: The Poetry of Witness and Wonder** presented by **Bryan Dietrich** - Special Collections

*\* WSU Student Miles Foley created the cover for this graphic novel. It is the first in a series that tells the story of early Wichita through the eyes of a cartoon longhorn named Luke. WSU students are involved in all aspects of the series, from research and writing to illustration.*

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## Librarians Support Student Success

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Sixty school, public, and academic librarians participated in the “School Redesign and My Library” program organized by the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) and held April 30 in Wichita. The five presentations highlighted that libraries support student success and showed how school, public and academic librarians are engaged in Kansas school redesign projects.

Speakers included Brad Newenswander, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, Topeka; Amanda Harrison, Librarian, Unified School District (USD) 418, McPherson Public Schools; Jennifer McCulley, Youth Services Librarian, McPherson Public Library; Amy Brownlee, District Librarian, USD 376, Sterling Public Schools; Gail Becker, Supervisor, Library Media and Textbook Services, USD 259, Wichita Public Schools; and Britten Kuckelman, Director of Academic Support and Information Services, Wichita Area Technical College/WSU Tech.

“The goal is that Kansas leads the world in the success of each student” said Newenswander whose job responsibilities include supervision of the statewide school redesign initiative. He noted five indicators of student success: (1) Social and Emotional Growth, (2) Kindergarten Readiness, (3) Individual Plans of Study, (4) High School Graduation, and (5) Postsecondary Success.

McPherson librarians Amanda Harrison and Jennifer McCulley talked about school and public library partnerships that support Kindergarten Readiness. School librarian Amy Brownlee presented a Digital Citizenship curriculum used by the Sterling Public Schools. Gail Becker, Wichita Public Schools, presented library and information standards for K – 12 students. Physical redesign of a library and resources that promote Postsecondary Success were covered by technical college librarian Britten Kuckelman.

Of the 45 school districts statewide chosen to be part of the Kansas State Department of Education’s school redesign initiative, 17 are located in the twelve county SCKLS service region. SCKLS provides grants, training and support services to 144 member school, public and academic libraries.



# WALA Needs Your Help

It's time to change the WALA Facebook cover photo. Please send a picture of the interior or exterior of your library to

angela.paul@wichita.edu. Please identify the name of the library building and community or college in the text of your email. Formats may be jpg, png,gif or pdf.

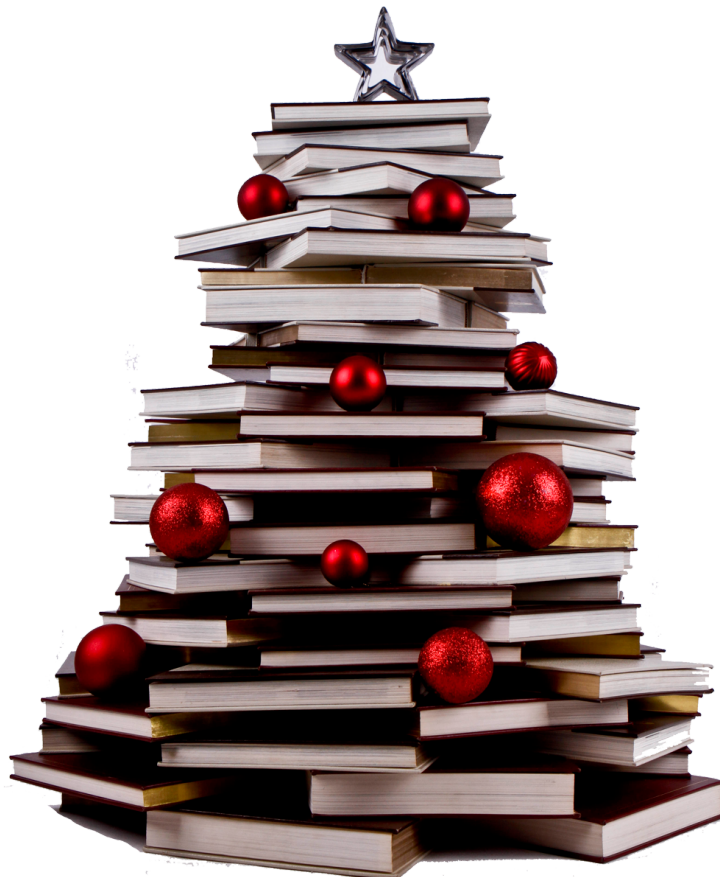
Thank you!



# Save the Date

WALA's Holiday Party  
will be on Friday, December 7, 2018  
from 6 pm to 8 pm  
at the Rockwell Branch Library  
5939 E. 9th Street N  
Wichita, KS 67208

More details to follow.





PBS unveiled a list of America's 100 best-loved novels, chosen in support of THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, a PBS series. In conjunction with PBS affiliate KPTS Librarians across the area promoted the list and chose their favorite titles. Tom Taylor, Director Andover Public Library, picked The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. <http://pbs.org/greatamericanread>



Zane and Ender Taylor (children of Tom Taylor, Andover Public Library) enjoy a visit to the APL.

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.

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