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Wabita Area Library Association



WALA Spring Newsletter Message from our President

C-C-C-Changes, or My Three Decades

I have gotten sentimental lately because I realized that this is an anniversary of sorts. Thirty years ago, I started in libraries working as a part-timer. My friend Butch gave the bosses a good word for me and I started shelving in the children's room. My responsibilities were to shelve books and shelve books and when that was done, shelve books. After a while, it became zen to put things away because I knew where everything went. When I was done shelving, I could put cards in the card catalog! Really, though, it was exciting to work in a place where I could continually learn and have access to so much information.

Working in libraries has changed drastically in that time. We have a new challenge, which is teaching technology. How can technology be a challenge? It's so easy to Google it, or look it up on Wikipedia. Yes, it has become easier in some ways, and harder in others. Think about it, once one had learned how to write the alphabet, writing a paper, technologically, did not change much. Now, students must learn how to write with a pen,





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and then type with fingers, and then figure out how to format the word processing program or App. Programs and Apps change and we must figure out periodically how to use them – the new bells and whistles. Pens didn't have new bells and whistles unless you count "erasable" pens that popped up in the nineties.

The Tanner Symposium will be our chance to look how we teach for all of the different ways people learn technology. I have been to workshops that cover this tangentially, but not head on with the learning styles. It's a big step from pen and paper. Thirty years later, it's still exciting to think of all of the information at our fingertips! Please join us for the symposium because we will have great speakers and very interesting topics.

Racine Zackula
WALA President



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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.

Upcoming WALA Events

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WALA 2019 Leadership

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**WALA March Board Meeting
and Library Tour
Monday, March 4, 2019**



Meeting at 5:30

Tour starts at 6:00

Valley Center Public Library

314 E. Clay Street, Valley Center, KS 67147



**After the tour we will gather at
Cracker Barrel for dinner
995 E. 61st North, Wichita, KS 67219**



Allan Tanner Spring Symposium

“Learning Styles & Technology”

Thursday, April 18, 2019

12:00-4:00 (Lunch will be provided)

Advanced Learning Library
711 W. 2nd Street North
Wichita, KS 67203

WALA Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2019

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Join us at the Wichita State University Rhatigan Student Center,
for a delicious Taco Bar and a delightful program given by the
immediate past

Poet Laureate of Kansas, Kevin Rabas.
If you have not heard/seen Kevin perform,
you are in for a treat.

More details will be forthcoming.



Legislative Luncheon Highlights Nov. 19, 2018

Kansas State Librarian Eric Norris was the Keynote Speaker for our legislative luncheon held on Nov. 19, 2018. He gave an informative talk about the state of the state's libraries.



Nine area Senators and Representatives were also in attendance at our Legislative Luncheon.

Larry Alley--Senate District 32
Leo Delperdang--House District 94
Gail Finney--House District 84
Nick Hoheisel--House District 97
Ron Howard--House District 98
Dan Kerschen--Senate District 26
J.C. Moore--House District 93
K.C. Ohaebosim--House District 89
Joe Seiwert--House District 101



The WALA Holiday Party was held at the Rockwell Branch Library on Friday, December 7, 2018. This photo was taken before we began dancing on the tables.



SCKLS helps member librarians make professional development a priority

Our goal at SCKLS is to provide librarians in our 12-county region with access to foundational library and technology skill-building events. This year, member librarians may choose from 50 opportunities for growth! To find out more information, visit the 2019 Continuing Education Calendar on the SCKLS website.

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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!

In Memoriam

Allan Bruce Tanner
April 24, 1950-December 6, 2018

The world lost a beautiful soul on December 6, 2018, with the passing of Allan Bruce Tanner, and WALA lost a dear friend.

Allan's professional career included working at the Dallas Public Library, the Oklahoma City Public Library, Wichita State University Library, as a librarian at the Wichita Eagle, and at the Wichita Public Library. He retired in 2016.

Active in WALA for many years, he remained so after his retirement.

RIP, Allan.



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
Wichita Public Library
Evergreen Branch
2601 N. Arkansas
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.

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