





A message from our
President:
Jessica Pierpoint
A Welcoming
New Path

Welcome new, old, and returning WALA readers...It's been awhile!

With the new possibilities of moving forward, we have started some new traditions and activities through WALA, as well as, starting to bring back some of the old traditions. From adding Summer Gatherings at the Zoo regularly now and making our Board Member meetings hybrid to give everyone more of a chance to attend, there are even more changes ahead! With the prospect of the holidays and the yearning to get out and see each other again, we will be bringing back the Holiday Party but in a new fun way, so keep a look out! We also have high hopes to finally get back to our yearly Library Tour and Tanner Spring Symposium events come springtime. We have many new faces on our board that have been hard at work to help expand your networking and overall experience through your WALA membership. As we continue to pave the way into a new path, we welcome everyone to connect and reconnect while making memories as a WALA member, and if you're not a member, reach out and see how to become part of all the fun!

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 Jessica Pierpoint: jessica.pierpoint@wichita.edu

Upcoming WALA Events

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- Holiday Party p. 9

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Jessica Pierpoint

Wichita State University Ablah Library

Favorite book/author: The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton

Favorite food: Tacos



Nicole Penley

South Central Kansas Library System

Favorite book/author: I love reading with my kiddos and we all

love to laugh at silly picture and chapter books together.

Favorite food: My absolute favorite food of all time is my mom's

chocolate chip cookies. They always make me feel better.



Kathie Buckman

Academic Advisor at the School of Library & Information Management, Emporia State University

Favorite book/author: Dancing at the Rascal Fair, by Ivan

Doig.

Favorite food: peanut butter

MEET OUR BOARD WIENTRES

Jeannie Booth

Friends University, Cataloging and Serials Librarian

Favorite author: Stephen King

Favorite food: pizza



Loree Hisken

Elementary/District librarian for Belle Plaine School District

Favorite childhood book: The Giver, but I enjoy

reading all dystopian fiction.

Favorite food: I love Mexican food, especially

chips and queso!



Julie Annalynn Mills

Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office, Records

Favorite book: a series called *All Souls* by

Deborah Harkness.

Favorite food: Pasta...anything with pasta!



MEET OUR BOARD MENS



Samuel Willis

Wichita State University Libraries, Technology Development Librarian

Favorite Author: Brandon Mull (I love his

imagination!)

Favorite Food: Middle Eastern Cuisine (Biryani and

Masala)



Anne Ethen

Wichita Public Library, Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library & Evergreen Community Center & Library, Branch Manager

Favorite book: People of the Book, by Geraldine

Brooks.

Favorite food: Mexican.



Heather Powell

Edmund Stanley Library at Friends University, Night Circulation & ILL

Favorite authors: I enjoy reading Charlaine Harris, Caitlin Doughty, Stephen King, Mary Roach, Grady Hendrix, and Stephen Graham Jones. I am going through and reading Horror Anthologies and short stories to find new authors. I do love a good scary story.

Favorite food: I like Thai, Japanese, and Mexican food.

Cina Shirley

Douglass Public Library, Director Favorite book: Charlotte's Web.

Favorite food: Pretty much any dessert, especially if

it has peanut butter and chocolate!



April Hernandez

Goddard Public Library, Director

Favorite book: Other than Harry Potter, by JK

Rowling, I really like Louise Penny.

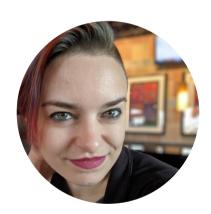
Favorite food: Pizza.



Britten Kuckelman

Owner of Remnant Studios, Resident Bookbinder. Favorite book/author: I relish anything written or recommended by Alix Harrow. My favorite book of hers is Once and Future Witches. Also enjoy Ruth Ozeki's Book of Form and Emptiness. And then Braiding Sweetgrass by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Favorite food: It is a tie between pizza and curry.

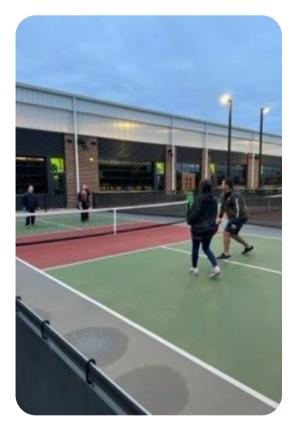


Jeptember Meet and Greet

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, WALA members and family met at Chicken N Pickle for fun times.









Jeptember Meet and Greet









UPCOMING EVENTS



KANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (KLA) CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 26-28TH, 2022 IN WICHITA, KANSAS

This year's theme is "Libraries: Rebuilding & Reconnecting." Due to the pandemic, libraries made adjustments to programs and services, which often negatively impacted usage. As libraries return to the new "Covid" normal, staff must rebuild and reconnect, with both patrons and our communities. Attendees are encouraged to submit proposals that align with this theme. For example, program proposals could highlight the new programs and services that are bringing patrons back into the building, how programs were evaluated during the rebuilding process, ways to take care of your staff's wellbeing, how to get back into the community and amp up outreach, etc.

Conference Location: Hyatt Regency Wichita | 400 West Waterman Street, Wichita, KS 67202



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: Kathie Buckman, kbuckman@emporia.edu