

WALA

Wichita Area Library Association



A message from our President: Jessica Pierpoint

Hello WALA Readers!

As we start 2024, we are approaching fresher networking, learning, and leadership opportunities!

We welcome everyone in March to come tour Wichita Public Libraries-Advanced Learning Center's Book Mobile at our Library Tour event. In April, the Andover Public Library will be hosting our annual Tanner Spring Symposium. All who come out will get to experience librarians discussing the important topic of "DEIA: Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Accessibility" Finishing off the year in May, we welcome all paid members and potential new members to our Annual Meeting Luncheon. We will have a guest speaker and vote for the new 2024-2025 leadership board.

As always, if WALA is right for you, please reach out to either me or others on the board to find out how to make the most of your membership today! With many events and positions becoming more available this is the perfect time to find your fit with us and get more involved.



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

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Upcoming WALA Events

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WALA 2024 Leadership

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CATCHING UP WITH WALA

Legislative Coffee Chat

On November 16, 2023 WALA and Kansas Legislators met for coffee and conversation at Derby Public Library. Big thank you to SLIM for providing refreshments and Derby Public Library for hosting.

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IN MEMORY

JEANETTE PARKER

JANUARY 20, 1973-JANUARY 18, 2024



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Long time librarian, Jeanette Ann Parker passed away in her home on January 18, 2024. Jeanette was very active in WALA and KLA. After she completed her degree at Barclay they hired her as the librarian for the college. She started in 1999 and continued until 2006 when she made the decision to move back to Wichita. She was hired as the Serials Librarian in 2006 at Friends University. In 2014 she decided to make a change and began at Newman University as the assistant librarian. She was then promoted to the Reference and Instructional Librarian in 2017. In this position she was able to show her gifts with teaching and developing curriculum for students. At Newman she worked with Steve whom she greatly enjoyed working with. They worked very well together and she considered him a friend. In 2022 she became the Director of Library Services at Kansas Health Science Center. Here she was able to develop their program for the use of library information for the students. Jeanette was currently a Ph.D. candidate for the degree Doctor of Philosophy, Library and Information Management, at Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management. Jeanette had successfully completed all required courses and all qualifying examinations. Dr. Mirah Dow, Ph.D., Emporia State University, served as the Chair of Jeanette's dissertation research committee along with Dr. Stan Trembach, Ph.D., Emporia State University, and Dr. Denise Nelson, Ph.D., Ryan Library, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. Jeanette was an excellent librarian and doctoral student. She was a highly valued colleague by her classmates and professors. Jeanette's dissertation topic was information literacy instruction at faith-based academic institutions. Jeanette served as Director of Library Services librarian at the Kansas Health Science Center in downtown Wichita, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jeanette's memory can be sent to Barclay College, 607 Kingman, Haviland, KS 67059. Please note that it is in memory of Jeanette and for the library.

IN MEMORY

JEANETTE PARKER



I met Jeanette when she interviewed for the Reference and Instruction Librarian position at Newman University. I came to know her as a renaissance woman for Academic Libraries. She could do anything. She had a drive for and knowledge of librarianship that few ever achieve. She loved helping students learn to do academic research. They in turn liked the way she helped them. More than a few told me they would rather wait for her to come back from a lunch or a meeting, than let me help them. She enjoyed being a part of and lending her talents to many library organizations such as WALA, KLA, PALS, CULS, ACL and most recently appointed to the State Library Board. She was never satisfied with being just a member. She always ended up in some kind of leadership capacity. Jeanette was a remarkable Librarian, wonderful co-worker, and a friend who is missed. --Steve Hamersky, Wichita Public Library

I am writing to join the many voices who have already communicated deep sadness as they remind us of Jeanette's wonderful qualities as a friend, family member, and library professional. I have known Jeanette since she was a Master of Library Science student at Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management (SLIM). Most recently, I had the pleasure of serving as Jeanette's academic advisor and as one of her professors in doctoral courses. I believe that it would please Jeanette for you to read the details I have written about her accomplishments in the Ph.D. program, as Jeanette was all but dissertation (ABD) away from earning the Ph.D. Jeanette's classmates, faculty, and everyone at SLIM will greatly miss Jeanette. May we forever recall Jeanette's kindness, benefit from Jeanette's wealth of expertise, and her dedication to librarianship and information literacy learning for all. --Dr. Mirah Dow, Professor & Director, SLIM, Emporia State University



Jeanette Parker was my friend. As I am sure she was to many of you. She had a zeal for life and such enthusiasm for libraries and helping students that was infectious. When you were around her you could not help but be inspired and want to push yourself to do more. She had the joy of the LORD in her heart and could always make people smile and laugh. Sometimes we'd laugh so loud that we would get stares! She will be greatly missed. -Cynorra Jackson, Wichita State University Libraries



You're Invited!

Join us on Monday, March 4th at 5:30 pm at the Advanced Learning Library for a tour of the new bookmobile then have dinner with the WALA board at the Monarch following the board meeting.

WICHITA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO
SAVE THE DATE

TANNER SPRING SYMPOSIUM

DEIA: DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, INCLUSION,
AND ACCESSIBILITY

Tuesday, April 23 from 1-4pm

Andover Public Library

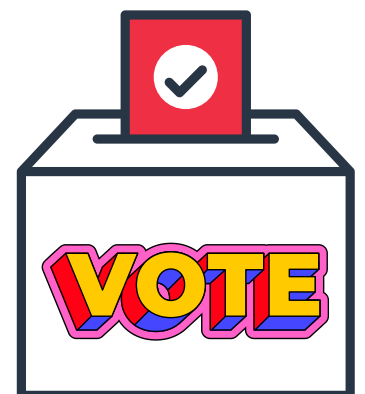
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

WALA NEEDS YOU!

Are you looking to become more involved in your area library association? WALA provides a great chance to network in the Wichita Area. This year we will have the following positions open:

Vice President (3 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term), and 3 board members (2 year terms). For more information or to get on the ballot- please contact Jessica Pierpoint or Melissa Emo.

Elections will be held in person at the WALA Spring meeting in May 2024.



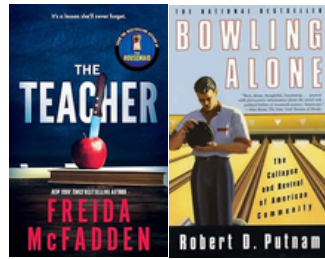
What are you Reading?

Let's see what our WALA board is reading!

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Samantha is reading



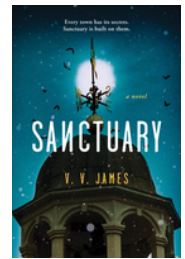
April is reading Putnam and listen to McFadden



Kathie is reading



Jeannie is reading.



Julie is reading



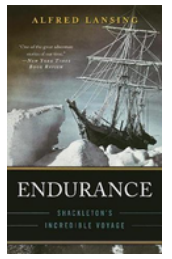
Anne is reading



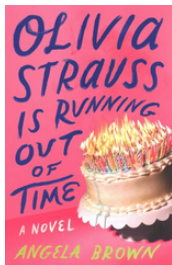
Cina is reading Lowe and listening to Greenwood



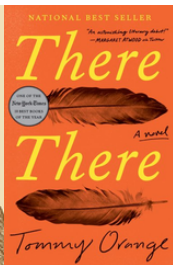
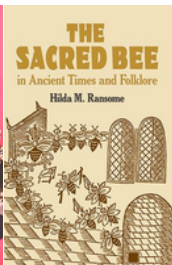
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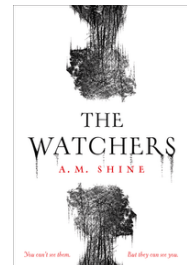
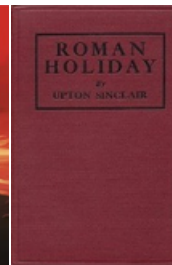
Eric just finished reading



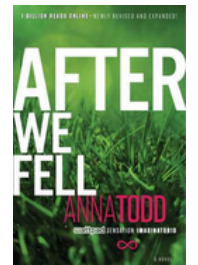
Heather is reading



Samuel is reading



Melissa is reading



Jessica is reading





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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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Membership forms can be found on our website:
<https://walaks.org/membership/>

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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