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Washington Association of Library Employees

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WALE Objectives:

- To build a communication network among library employees.
- To encourage continuing education for library personnel.
- Improve library service through skill development.

WALE Promotes

- Better understanding and communication within individual communities and throughout the state.
- Improved working relations in the library community.
- Improved services to the library patron.

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does not express the opinion of the Editor or WALE.

Has your address changed? Please send the information to Gail Willis, Association Coordinator, WLA,
4016 1st Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6502 or washla@wla.org

Would you like to contribute an article or other interesting piece of information? Email it to the editor
by the deadline listed above.

Get Involved!

Looking for a way to get involved with WALE? Working on our annual conference is a great way to get your feet wet! We are looking for additional members to help plan the 2002 Conference, which will be held on September 26-28, 2002 at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay in Vancouver, WA.

Put your enthusiasm and creativity to good use by helping out in one of the following areas:

- ✦ Graphics (creating flyers, registration brochure, conference program, and nametags)
- ✦ Publicity (Getting the word out about the conference)
- ✦ Speakers (Finding and contacting speakers for the conference)
- ✦ Prizes & Packets (Contacting businesses & vendors for goodies for the packets and for drawings).

We have tentatively scheduled the first conference planning meeting for Friday, January 25th, 2002 (location to be determined.) Please join us!

If you are interested in joining the committee or have any other questions, please contact Conference Chair Holly Blosser at hblosser@fvrl.org or 360-759-4805.

See you all in 2002 for what will be yet another great conference!

Have you subscribed to the WALE listserv?

The WALE listserv is for members of the Washington Association of Library Employees (WALE) to discuss anything related to WALE or libraries and library staff in Washington State.

If you are a member and would like to subscribe:

Send a message to wale-subscribe@yahoo.com or go to the WALE Yahoo group home page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wale/>

WALE Web Page

Have you looked at the WALE Web Page recently? Holly Blosser is the WALE Webmaster and would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for new material. Contact her at hblosser@fvrl.org or 360-759-4805.

**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY EMPLOYEES (WALE)
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD
for Library Employees**

Library staff and patrons in Washington are encouraged to nominate a library employee to be considered for the Outstanding Employee of the Year Award. The criteria for the award are:

- ❖ Nominee is a member of WLA and WALE Interest Group
- ❖ Nominee is a library employee who demonstrates significant contributions or accomplishments in at least one of the following areas:
 - ✓ Local library and/or organization (for example: an innovative project or activity for a specific library in Washington or support staff organization)
 - ✓ National support staff organization (for example: active participant in SSIRT or COLT activities, or coordinator of a national workshop or program)
 - ✓ Innovative project or activity (for example: creator of a specialized database or service which can be used by library staff)
- ❖ Projects and activities should directly involve, or be focused on, support staff working in libraries or information centers. Nominations should clearly state the level of participation of the nominee. Nominees will be rated according to their level of participation. For example, organizers and coordinator will be rated higher than a workshop or conference participant.
- ❖ Projects and activities will be judged according to the degree by which the status and work of support staff are improved or enhanced within the library profession.

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Please use this form to submit your nomination. In addition, please submit a narrative statement (one page or less) describing how the nominee has been an outstanding library employee or how they have made outstanding contributions to the library field.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Library where employed: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Library Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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