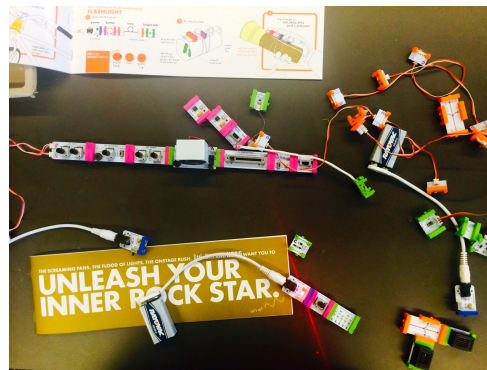


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Two Public Libraries Collaborate On Teens and Technology



By Richard Council

Are two libraries are better than one? Teenagers at the Northeast Branch of the Seattle Public Library say YES. On August 18th the Kitsap Regional Library visited SPL and delivered a program called BiblioTEC. With funding provided by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, BiblioTEC puts the latest technology directly to the hands of youth. There were three major components to the program:

1. **3D Gaming and Design** – where teens practice building basic video games, animation and digital design/media software
2. **3D Modeling and Printing** – where teens learn about the engineering involved in making a design for 3D printing and then operating a 3D printer.
3. **Programming and Circuitry** – where teens build circuits with basic circuitry pieces and boards that, when assembled, perform designated audio and visual tasks.

Sounds cool, huh!? Teens visited stations and explored the different types of technology for two hours. KRL Teen Technology Librarian (I love that title) Seth Ciotti answered questions and two recruited teen volunteers coached attendees one-on-one. The teen volunteers were interns from a local organization, The Coffee Oasis, which provides refugee and job training for local homeless and at-risk teens. Teens at The Coffee Oasis take part in a 100-hour technology course facilitated by KRL. Graduates can apply for a paid intern position at the library to assist in future tech library programming and events. [read more...](#)

Continuing Education Corner - Information

Conveyer Belt

By Korissa Fitterer

Did you go to a conference this year? Go through a major change at your library with a downsizing, new software, new equipment, or new program? Did you read an interesting article or book about the LIS field or learn something new you put into practice? Maybe you did a continuing education activity this year or participate in a MOOC?

These are all activities that can provide content for a continuing education piece here in the Connect. The conveyer belt of information is always on, and we select from it constantly. Major changes at our libraries and what we do to stay current with the profession has pros and cons we can share with our colleagues. Help them weather a major change or stay up to date on the latest and greatest in the field. Perhaps you have a best practice that would benefit other librarians if they knew about it. Maybe you have a favorite blog you read that you'd like to share with us, or promote your own. Information professionals are passionate about learning, information curation, and knowledge creation. [read more...](#)

WLA Member Profile: Kelly Evans



Kelly Evans, Business Librarian at EWU enjoys Shoegazing. Look it up on “the Google” unless you’re better informed than this editor! Meet Kelly:

Q. How do you like your job as Business Librarian at Eastern Washington University?

A. I love my job because I get to help a wide range of users. I not only work with undergrad and grad students but also with community members/alumni who are starting their own businesses.

Q. How long have you been a member of WLA?

A. I have been a member of WLA less than a year.

Q. How have you been personally involved in WLA?

A. I first got involved with this past year’s conference by staffing the registration desk. I am currently chair of the Membership Committee as well as newly appointed to the *ALKI* Editorial Board.

Q. What does WLA mean to you? How have you benefited from being a member of WLA?

A. I have always been actively involved in state library organizations. While living in NC, I was part of a Business Librarians group through the NC Library Association. I appreciate the opportunity to work with library workers from all types of library venues. I believe that being actively involved in your statewide library organization means helping move community libraries forward and promotes the importance of library work to the state elected officials.

Q. What is your favorite thing about libraries?

A. Helping students with research! Providing services and space that makes users feel comfortable and empowered. [read more...](#)

Georgia Lomax Named New Executive Director at Pierce County Library System



From Pierce County Library News Release

Georgia Lomax is the new Pierce County Library System executive director. Lomax has served as the library's deputy director since 2006.

Prior to joining Pierce County, Lomax worked for the King County Library System from 1993 to 2005 serving in a number of positions including cluster manager and managing librarian. Before that, she served as director of the Flathead County Library System in Montana from 1987 to 1992, and as the director of the Miles City Public Library and the Sagebrush Federation of Libraries from 1985 to 1987. She earned her master of library science degree from the University of Washington, Seattle, and her bachelor's degree in communications and journalism from Washington State University.

Lomax sits on the executive board of Tacoma Community House and serves on the University of Washington iSchool Advisory Board. Nationally, she sits on the Public Library Association (PLA) Board of Directors and served as this year's national conference program committee chair. She was named a "Mover and Shaker" by the "Library Journal" in 2010 and also won the Allie Beth Martin Award from PLA in 2006. [read more...](#)

WLA Member Profile: Teresa Claypool



Teresa Claypool, currently serving as the WLA 2015 Conference Co-Chair, says that

“The sky is the limit” when it comes to information careers! Meet Teresa:

Q. How do you like your job as Staffing Support Services Manager at the King County Library System?

A. I currently manage all specialty (non-regular) staffing for KCLS, including the volunteer program, the substitute program, and five floating library staff, who fill in for long-term absences. I love problem solving and using technology to organize and retrieve information. I enjoy supporting the library staff to ensure they have the fill-in staff they need and to help determine ways for volunteers to assist with our work volume.

Q. How long have you been a member of WLA?

A. About two years

Q. How have you been personally involved in WLA?

A. About two years

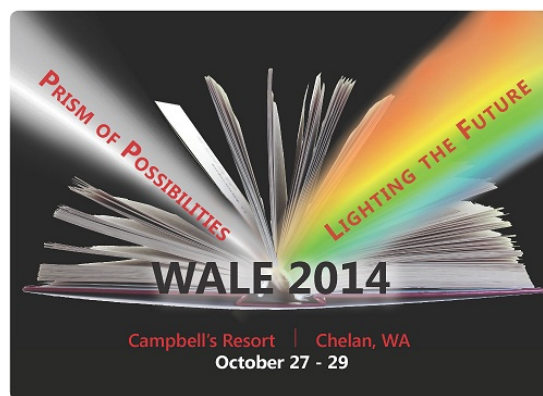
Q. What does WLA mean to you? Or how have you benefited from being a member of WLA?

A. I am still learning about the organization. As a library Managing Librarian and community liaison, I used to help encourage community groups to attend Library Legislative Day with our group from KCLS. In 2014 I presented at WLA Conference about our volunteer program challenges. This year, I am a conference co-coordinator with Jeanne Fondrie. All of it helps me keep in touch with the general library world, as well as learn about Washington.

Q. What is your favorite thing about libraries?

A. I love that people rarely leave a library empty-handed. [read more...](#)

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2014 WALE CONFERENCE!



By Beth Bermani, WALE Communications Officer

Register now for the 2014 WALE Conference! While last year's theme focused on reflection, this year we look ahead with "Prism of Possibilities: Lighting the Future," to be held October 27-29 at Campbell's Resort on beautiful Lake Chelan. The conference kicks off with a Monday night reception featuring the Jennan Oaks Band and continues as well as diverse session offerings and these wonderful keynote speakers: Secretary of State, Kim Wyman; Editorial Director of Library Journal, Rebecca Miller; and Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes from



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Unshelved comics. Registration opens soon. For more information and to register, check out www.wla.org/wale-conference-2014.

And for some extra motivation, check out this [great video](#) from WALE!