



# WALE:

## A Section of WLA

### WALE... WAshtington Library Employees

#### Our Purpose:

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

#### We Promote:

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

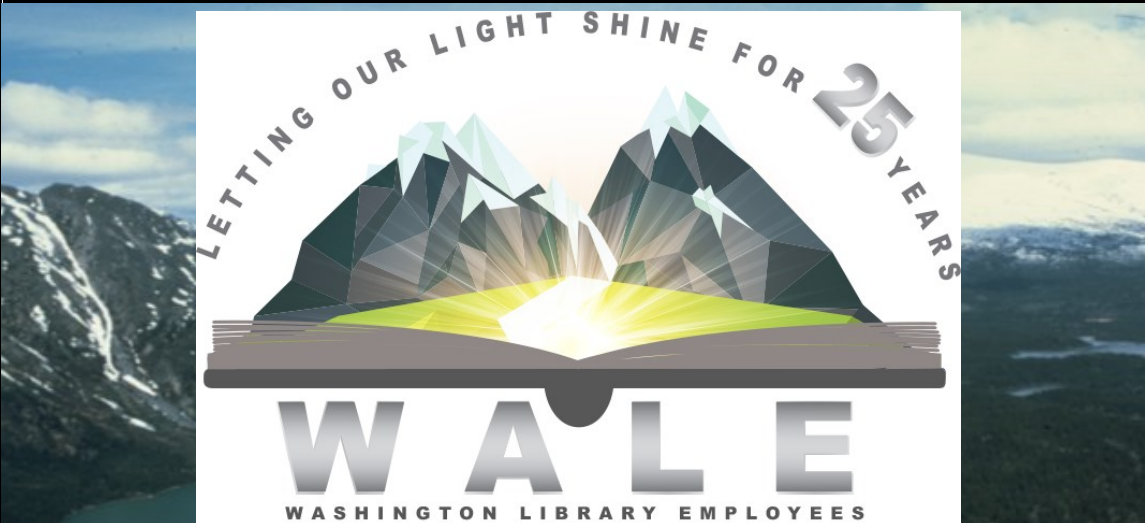
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[www.wla.org/wale](http://www.wla.org/wale)

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**WALE**  
on Facebook!

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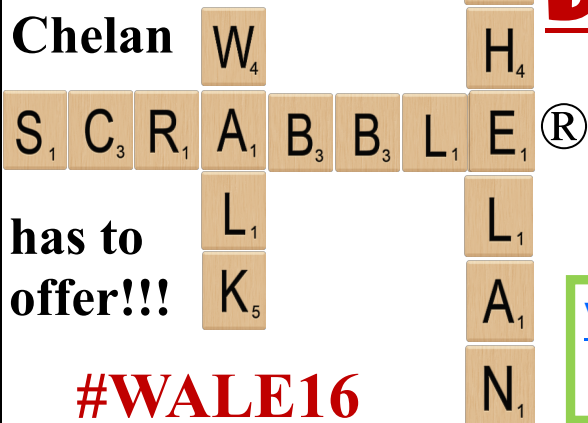
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WLA: WALE Conference: October 24-26, 2016 - Chelan, WA

Get a taste of what  
Chelan



has to  
offer!!!

**#WALE16**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

[Room Reservations  
Still Available!](#)

[WLA: WALE Conference  
Register Now!](#)



**What you do makes a  
difference!**

WALE wants you! No role is too small; it's all about your skills, interests, and how much time you're able to commit. Please contact Conference Chair [Brian Hulsey](#) for more information.

## WALE Officers

### CHAIR:

Lisa Vos  
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## 2016 WALE Conference Committee

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### CONFERENCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

[Kate Laughlin](#)

## Almost too much for one conference!!!



Nancy Pearl



Brianna Hoffman

## *A Night of Romance* October 25th, 2016

♥♥♥♥♥ @ #WALE16 ♥♥♥♥♥



Join us for a celebration of WALE's 25th Anniversary with "A Night of Romance."

Hosted by the

[Romance Writers of America's 2016 Librarian of the Year](#), Robin Bradford,

enjoy an evening of good food, fun entertainment, and chocolate! In a salon style format we all get to watch, Robin will interview famous romance authors [Cherry Adair](#); [Susan Mallery](#) and [Lauren Dane](#).

With questions taken from the audience in advance, you can expect some surprising answers and colorful stories will be shared, along with a lot of laughs and maybe a little blushing!





**Benefits of your  
WLA/WALE  
Membership:**

- Legislative Advocacy
- WLA/WALE website and resources
- ALKI—WLA's journal with current & enduring issues & articles
- WLA & WALE Conferences for continuing education & networking.

**Upcoming  
Events**

October 15, 2016

[Hack WLMA  
Conference](#)

Des Moines, WA

October 20-21, 2016

[Northwest eLearn  
Conference](#)

Eugene, OR

**October 24-26, 2016**

[WALE Conference](#)  
Chelan, WA

October 27-29, 2016

[ARSL Conference](#)

Fargo, ND

November 4-6, 2016

[YALSA Symposium](#)

Pittsburg, PA

January 20-24, 2017

[ALA Midwinter Meeting](#)

Atlanta, GA

March 20-24, 2017

[PLA Leadership](#)

[Academy](#)

Portland, OR

March 22-25

[ACRL Conference](#)

Baltimore, MD

**GAME DAY**

Somewhat of a sports fan, the Seahawks have been my favorite NFL team since their beginnings. Yes, I've even stuck by them thru all the not so good years. But regardless of whatever sport I happen to be watching; if I have no preference, I'll root for the underdog, which probably stems from my younger days.

Growing up, there was a definitive class separation on many levels with my area being lower middle. Then, as I entered the workforce, I went from construction, to warehousing, to IT, and finally ended up with the Washington State Library (WSL). And up until my IT days, libraries generally were never on my radar.

Like many, my perception of libraries was book storage for the avid reader or researcher. That began to change while providing WSL and all the Correctional Institution Libraries with IT support. Then, as I began a true library career under WSL directly, my perspective and understanding got a whole new lease.

My first revelation came at a WLA Conference which introduced me to the vastness of what libraries are and the services they provide. A few months later I experienced my first WALE Conference that drew me into the community side. From that point, I understood the underdog fight of libraries. And from that point, I became a diehard fan of WLA/WALE much like I am with the Seahawks.

Keeping with that parody, often highlighted in pro-sports is the syncing of team and management to build success. Fortunately for us, history shows that WLA and WALE have always been in sync...unlike the Seahawks. But it's the fans, the 12's, that drive the spirit.

So with this being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the WALE Conference, and its last as it's currently structured, we can count on WLA and all its 12's (members) to ensure the team's success and to drive its spirit. Because it's not the game that's changing, just our field tactics. And for us, unlike sports, every day is game day...so bring it on!

Joe Olayvar  
Past WALE Chair



## #WALE16 Conference Scholarship Winners



**Molly Overby** is the Whitman County Library Senior Services Coordinator as well as Adult Non-fiction Acquisitions and manages the WCL Twitter feed. She started her library career in July 2015 as the Mail Clerk. She was born in California and raised in Utah where she graduated from high school and went on to work in different public service positions in Utah and Texas where she found her joy of working with seniors. She loves hosting Bingo & Pie, Cookies & Coloring, or her weekly outreach visits to bring reading materials to senior living establishments in the Colfax community.

She is excited to expand her knowledge of the library and gain fresh ideas on ways to further what she and Whitman County Library offer their patrons, and appreciates the opportunity to attend the **#WALE16** Conference. Molly currently resides in Colfax, Washington with her husband and two children.

In the winter of 2012 **JoAnna Thomas** enrolled in the on-line LIS program through Highline Community College. JoAnna obtained her certificate with high honors. While in the program she obtained a page position at the Evergreen Branch of the Everett Public Library. A few months after that JoAnna accepted another page position within the Sno-Isle Libraries; she currently works as a Public Services Assistant I at the Marysville Branch.

JoAnna enjoys working at both library systems having diverse tasks and a diversity of people to work with. She assists in programing at the Everett Public Library. In the fall of 2015 one of the librarians started a very successful program: Create @ the Library, An Adults Arts and Crafts program. JoAnna continually helps out with the program, giving her opportunities to work on projects that she always wanted to try but just did not had the motivation or time. The program has been such a success and so much fun that the librarian who created the program and JoAnna will be presenting it at **#WALE16**.

In JoAnna's spare time she enjoys travelling, photography, spending time with her family and our dogs, baking, gardening and trying some crafts/art.

