



# WALE: an interest group of WLA

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Fall 2012 Newsletter

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## *An Invitation from our WALE Chair...*

We are just under 2 months away from the WALE Conference in Chelan. I am so very proud of all the work the conference committee has put into this conference. We anticipate this to be one of the best conferences we've ever put on.

We are also very excited to be able to offer two scholarships consisting of full conference registration and lodging for October 29 & 30, thanks to a matching donation from WLA. The Scholarship deadline is September 14 and full details may be found at <http://2012waleconference.wla.org/scholarships-grants/>.

While I am thrilled about this year's conference, I would like everyone to be thinking about next year's conference now. We need enthusiastic people willing to take a leadership role in conference planning. We will be counting on you to volunteer as Conference Chair, chair a committee, or work on a committee.

It's challenging work, but very rewarding and quite fun. If you don't want to take on a committee by yourself, consider grabbing a friend and working as co-chairs. WALE is a fantastic organization, but we are only as strong as our membership, and we count on you keep us moving forward. If you have any questions about volunteering, or would like to step up to the challenge of conference planning, please send me an email.

We look forward to hearing from you.



**Your WALE Chair,  
Theresa Barnaby, Richland Public Library**

**VICE CHAIR—**  
Laura Schmidt, Mid-Columbia Libraries

**SECRETARY—**  
Peggy Bryan, Whitman County Library

### **WALE, Our Purpose:**

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

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Remember...  
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WALE Conference  
SCHOLARSHIP by  
Friday, Sept. 14!  
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## 2012 WALE Co-Chairs...

Wow! We can't believe we only have a little over a month to go before WALE 2012! The experience of co-chairing a conference has been overwhelming and exciting for a couple of library pages like us. We have been so lucky to have such a great support team around us while we have been planning. Being able to connect with other library employees to collaborate on the planning of this conference has been an experience that neither of us will forget.



One of the most impressive things that has come from planning this conference is the high caliber of sessions being offered. We had such great programs submitted that we decided to add an additional session to each time block. Instead of four great sessions offered during each time block, we have five fantastic programs for you to choose from! We really feel like there is something for everyone at any level of library employment and we know that you will be able to take really great information back to your library. We are also so excited to welcome our wonderful keynote speakers, Stephanie Gerding, Cindy Cunningham, and best-selling author Erica Bauermeister. We can't wait to hear what they have to say!

We have been so thankful to have been involved with WALE for the last few years. We would also like to encourage you to get involved in the interest group and join the conference planning committee for next year. Having a dynamic and passionate committee is the key to putting on a successful conference.

We can't wait to see you all in Lake Chelan!

Your 2012 WALE  
Conference Co-Chairs,

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Early Bird  
Registration  
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WALE Conference  
Continues through  
Friday, Sept. 28

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## Two WALE Classics... Meet Gail Willis & Susan Madden



Gail Willis (left)—Willis' dedication, wisdom, energy, institutional knowledge, patience, and diplomatic and organizational skills benefited the Washington Library Association for over fourteen years. In 2008 Gail retired as executive director of WLA and received the Emeritus Award. "I was lucky to work

in jobs involving libraries, teaching, and mentoring library workers from the time I was sixteen. And I am even luckier to be retired with time to keep up with those fields and still have time for family, travel and volunteer work. I am involved with the Women's University Club of Seattle which offers dozens of literature classes and events. We spent a week at Ashland at the Oregon Shakespeare Company last month which was wonderful," comments Gail.

Susan B. Madden (right)—is the queen of Conference Ribbons! She now exhibits her jewelry, etc. at shows and conferences to benefit WLA scholarships. She has "worked in school and public libraries since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, page, clerk, and librarian—which included Reference, Children's, Bookmobile, Institution, YA, Literacy and one rather odd year in Human Resources. Because of wonderful Board support got to be active in Associations, travelled, lectured, and engaged in LOTS of IF battles. (Debated Phyllis Schafly once, had tea in the White House with Barbara Bush and was honored to receive the Allie Beth Martin Award from PLA.) I enjoy the ambience of libraries and consider library workers to be intellectually curious, caring, humorous, superb foodies and terribly underpaid." In 2008, Susan received the Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award.

### What book is on your night stand now?

**Gail:** Both Iain Pear's *Dream of Scipio* and Ann Patchett's *State of Wonder*, which are the next two books for our book club.

**Susan:** Don't have a nightstand, but have multiple books in a variety of locations and formats. Upstairs bathroom: Stokes' *The Tree People*; downstairs bathroom: Tepper's *Beauty*; den: *The Darwin Awards* and Sibley's *Birds*; my car: book—Smith's *Weeds* and audio—Vachess' *Blue Belle*; John's car: book—Castle (Krentz)'s *Copper Beach* and audio—Trigliani's *Roccoco*; office: cd player—Hamilton's *The Lock Artist*, mp3—Orson Scott Card's *The Lost Gate*, and Kindle & Nook—TOO MANY TO LIST!

### Last truly great book you read?

**Gail:** There are bunches—but, very recently Richard Russo's *Bridge of Sighs* I also totally loved his *Straight Man*—it is very much funnier & less serious, but both were fabulous. P.D. James' 'sequel' to *Pride & Prejudice* *Death Comes to Pemberley* was also a masterpiece.

**Susan:** Deborah Harkness' *A Discovery of Witches*... a fabulous combination of scholarship, libraries, witches & it's the first of a trilogy...oh, happy day!

See YOU at the 2012  
WALE Conference  
Oct. 29-31,  
Campbell's Resort,  
Chelan, Washington

Conference Details:  
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conference.wla.org/](http://2012waleconference.wla.org/)

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## Two WALE Classics continued...

### Your favorite literary genre?

**Gail:** I like lots of genres and don't even feel "guilty" for my passion for mysteries and satiric academic novels. I don't read as much non-fiction as I should but Isobel Wilkerson's history of the Black Migration, *The Warmth of Other Suns* and Rebecca Skloot's expose of genetic exploitation leading to real medical miracles *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* are both outstanding.

**Susan:** Multiple genres: Horror, Science Fiction, Regency, Romances, Mysteries, Westerns...obviously a strong Fictionista! I absolutely love the Pendergast Series by Preston and Child. (12<sup>th</sup> one—*Two Graves* coming in Dec.) I'm sorry Miss Zukas by our very own Jo Dereske is all done. Love Charlaine Harris and I think Stephen King is a genius, along with Jayne Ann Krentz and Nora Roberts...perhaps not GREAT Literature...but damn good storytellers! Have always favoured thick books with fine print.

### Most cherished books as a child?

**Gail:** Maud Hart Lovelace's Betsy-Tacy series--bought all of those for my daughter & two granddaughters; Burnett's *Secret Garden*; Elizabeth Enright's-Melendy family series; as a tween Madeline L'Engles' *Camilla Dickenson* (love for her lasted through everything she wrote).

**Susan:** At age 7 was given very special Lang Fairy Tale Books and they influenced a lifelong love of the Fae. The Golden Bough and Joseph Campbell were several adult reinforcements. Also loved the ocean and was reading Beebe, Peter Freuchen and Jacques Cousteau long before the Calypso came into being. Was a toss up between Librarianship and Oceanography as a life choice. Much older parents were strong readers and books were all over the house...read Costain, Chesterton, Doyle, Wells, Dickens before High School. Consequently, hate libraries that limit kids to age level shelves.

### If you could meet any writer, dead or alive, who would it be? Have you ever met an author and been bitterly disappointed?

**Gail:** This is just too hard! We could start with Shakespeare (or earlier) & come up to today. I haven't been disappointed with any author I have met, but I would like a chance to meet Elizabeth George and try to figure out how she has gotten so 'off track'--*Believing the Lie* just about did it for me. I wasn't thrilled with the preceding Lynley novels as they got darker and darker. But I sort of understood why she might have seen that plotting as stretching her wings as a writer. "Lie" just made me crazy. I am not sure why I didn't just quit part way through, but that is one of my 'less than good' bad reading habits--to mostly go on reading no matter what. I should take Nancy Pearl's advice about how long you need to read (subtract your age from 100), then would have to read practically none of any book I am not enjoying!

**Susan:** Oh, wow, the list boggles...Hans Christian Anderson and the Brothers Grimm, Lang, Aesop, Campbell, Beardsley, Poe, Clemens, Lovecraft, Verne, Farmer, Aiken, Yolen, Gahan Wilson, Kay Nielsen, Ronald Searle, Ian Fleming, Roald Dahl, Mary Shelley, Judith Viorst, Ann McCaffrey, and that is just off the top of my head. Because ALA, WLA, WLMA, and PNLA have met many wonderful authors, (Schultz, Feiffer, King, Alexie, Wolfe, Peck, Cormier, Card, Blume, etc.) only once was I stunned and offended...Robert Peck who drank heavily, pinched buttocks, propositioned nearly every female present and was a total boor. (Please do not confuse with the WONDERFUL Richard Peck.)

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21 Years as an Interest Group



Campbell's Resort | Lake Chelan, WA  
October 29 - 31

## Registration Opens Monday, July 16th!

<http://wale.wla.org/wale-conferences/>

### Featured Speakers

- ◆ Erica Bauermeister
  - ◆ Author of several books, including "Joy for Beginners," and "The School of Essential Ingredients"
  - ◆ [www.ericabauermeister.com](http://www.ericabauermeister.com)
- ◆ Stephanie Gerding
  - ◆ Independent Library Consultant, Trainer, and Author of "The Accidental Technology Trainer: A Guide for Libraries"
  - ◆ [www.stephaniegerding.com](http://www.stephaniegerding.com)
- ◆ Cindy Cunningham
  - ◆ Director of Partner Programs, OCLC
  - ◆ Former Vice-President and President of WLA
  - ◆ Former President of World Corp

### Anticipated Programs

- ◆ Practical Book Mending
  - ◆ Beginner and Advanced Sessions!
- ◆ The Accidental Tech Trainer with Stephanie Gerding
- ◆ E-Reader Extravaganza!

### Networking Opportunities

- ◆ Dessert Reception
- ◆ Vendors and Exhibitors!
- ◆ Local Lake Chelan Activities

**Join Your Colleagues and  
Come Back to Chelan!**

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