



WALE: an interest group of WLA

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WALE Newsletter

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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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Meet our WALE Co-Chairs Kristina Payne & Lisa Vos

Hello WALE!

My name is **Kristina Payne**, and I am one of your 2014 WALE Conference Co-Chairs. I have worked for the Libraries of Stevens County for three years as a Library Assistant Level 1. I work as the unofficial teen librarian at our branch and love working with the youth in our county. I also plan on returning to school to gain my Bachelors in Library Science.



Co-workers and Conference Co-Chairs,
Lisa Vos (left) and Kristina Payne.

My husband and I love to watch movies and be outdoors. We have two dogs, two cats, and one child (soon to be two children). I love to read, and my favorite genres are paranormal romance, fantasy, and historical fiction. I also love teen books and just recently listened to the entire *Fablehaven* series and am anxiously awaiting the finale of the *Splintered* Trilogy.

I have attended three WALE conferences and am so excited to be on the Conference Committee, helping to make another amazing conference. I am so honored to be able to work closely with my co-worker and Co-Chair Lisa Vos--she has been such an amazing person to work with over the last year. We also would like to recognize the hard work being put forth by all of our committee members who are working on creating an amazing 2014 WALE conference. Thank you to Joe Olayvar and Daurice Siller for encouraging us to become Conference Co-Chairs and mentoring us.

If people are interested in being on the conference committee, there are still openings, and there will always be a need for volunteers at the conference. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Lake Chelan this October. It's going to be an amazing time!

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Benefits of your WLA/WALE Membership:

- Legislative Advocacy
- Interest Group membership (1 free when you join WLA)
- WLA/WALE website and resources, updates will be forthcoming with the newly designed website- www.wla.org
- ALKI—WLA's journal with current & enduring issues & articles
- WLA & WALE Conferences for continuing ed & networking (with special member registration rates)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES:

- April 30-May 2, 2014, **WLA Conference**, Wenatchee, WA
- June 26-July 1, 2014 **ALA Conference**, Las Vegas, NV
- August 13-15, 2014 **PLNA Conference**, Helena, MT
- October 27-19, 2014 **WALE Conference** Campbell's Resort Lake Chelan, WA

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Hello All!

My name is **Lisa Vos**, your 2014 WALE Conference Co-Chair. After temporarily working in the Stevens County Rural Library District several years ago, I decided that libraries were the right direction for my future. I then finished my degree at WSU in order to be in the running for the next library opening. And I'll tell you what... it has been nice to read something other than a text book. I love learning something new every day and helping people; my co-workers support and encourage me, making me feel like family. Working at a library truly is meaningful employment besides the fact that it sets a great example for my three children. I have presently been with the Libraries of Stevens County for over a year, and it has been exciting to watch my own personal and professional growth perpetually excel.

Joe Olayvar and Daurice Siller, along with many other WALE volunteers, warmly welcomed both myself and my co-worker Kristina Payne into the WALE Conference as Co-Chairs and have taken the time to mentor us, guiding us into heading the best WALE Conference ever! A great group of people came together this year to help organize WALE 2014 and Kristina and I are thankful to each of them for their participation. Through WALE each of us can create a supportive librarian network and take advantage of the learning opportunities this year's conference offers.

This year's WALE conference will be a blast! Our theme is "Prism of Possibilities: Lighting the Future." The **Jennan Oaks Band** will be coming back to entertain us once more, and we are working on a great speaker line-up. We are always looking for program/session suggestions and would welcome any volunteers willing to help before or during the conference.

Thank you everyone! We will see you at WALE 2014 in Chelan, WA!



Lake Chelan's Campbell's Resort

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Meet WALE Secretary Carol Ellison



Where do you work, and what do you do?

I am a cataloger at the Everett Public library. I also manage EPL's Twitter feed (@eplstweets), contribute to EPL's blog at www.areadinglife.com and fill in for Circulation and ILL. My job is never dull!

What is the best part of your library job?

Problem solving! Any cataloger could tell you that their job, no matter how routine it may seem to an outsider, involves a fair amount of problem solving on a daily basis. And my job is no different, especially now that we're seeing a mixture of AACR2, RDA, and the dreaded hybrid bibliographic records.

How long have you been a WALE member, and what does WALE mean to you?

Since 2005. WALE is a fantastic group of enthusiastic and knowledgeable people who are happy to share information and strategies with fellow front-line library staffers.

What is your favorite classic book, and what is a favorite recent book you have read?

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens was one of those epic classics I was forced to read in school and actually enjoyed. Recently, I've gotten into YA fiction. I am reading everything by Jennifer L. Armentrout, who also writes New Adult (yes, it's a thing and yes, it's here to stay!) as J. Lynn.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

"Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude." –Ralph Marson

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

I love irreverent comedies, shows that amuse my inner 12-year-old, like *Archer* and *The League*. Conversely, I am completely addicted to *Sherlock*. I recently saw the film *In a World* and loved it—and not just because the main character is named Carol. I would love to see Lake Bell do for our profession what she did for the voiceover industry.

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

Deception Pass, Sequim lavender farms, the Hoh Rainforest, and Lake Chelan are my favorites. I'm thrilled we have been able to hold our conferences at Campbell's consistently for the past few years. Not only is it a central location but the scenery is absolutely breathtaking.

What is your favorite vacation spot outside of WA?

Myrtle Beach, San Francisco, and the glaciers of Alaska have been the most memorable. Hopefully my next adventure will take me someplace new!