



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:

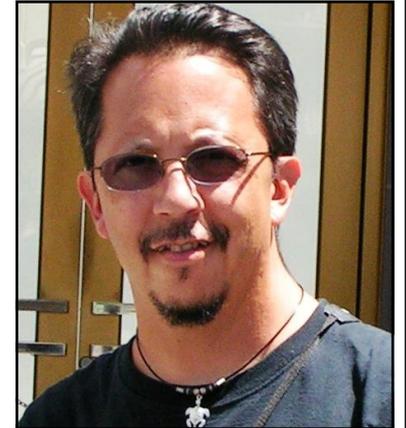
- Better understanding and communication within individual communities and throughout the state
- Improved working relations in the library community
- Improved services to the library patron

Need WALE info?

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

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A Note from our WALE Conference Chair...



Hello...

As a first timer...it has been, and continues to be, an eye opening privilege to serve on this year's WALE Conference Committee. The skills, dedication, and passion that each member brings to the table is tremendous. But what impresses me most, is the underlying core that drives this team...bringing a top notch conference to those who love serving the public through libraries.

It seems to me, that if libraries were a corporation, their creative force and will to do more would make them a Wall Street favorite. Though they are neither, dare be it said they are not a major player. As many of us have seen recently, study after study proves the critical role libraries play in the well being of their community. Perhaps this is because libraries themselves, are a community.

And, like any other community, libraries need to come together periodically to reflect, share, laugh, and revitalize. This helps reset that focus to move forward in mass like a strong current unified by a common thread. That common thread, by the way, is each one of us individually, and the place to come together, is this year's WALE Conference - "Reflections". A fitting theme that suggests looking back, to see ahead, and move forward.

Moving forward together is what we're all about. After all, it is the total sum as individuals that make us "The Library". And with each library having its own set of struggles, we reach out and help where we can. For this reason, the 2013 WALE Conference Committee is offering two Full Registration Scholarships for staff who are unable to finance attending through their library. If this is you, please go to our Scholarship page at <http://wla.org/wale-scholarship> for application details.

In this day and age, it is so refreshing how a spread out group such as the libraries can still have the heart of one. This must be why the WALE Conference Committee, which is comprised of library staff, is again preparing a wonderful event. Please join me at this year's WALE Conference (<http://wla.org/wale-conference>) to keep this strong current...moving forward.

With best regards...

Joe Olayvar, 2013 WALE Conference Chair

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:

- Aug. 14-16, 2013, **Pacific NW Library Assoc.** (PNLA) Annual Conference, Boise, ID
- Oct. 28-30, 2013 **WALE Conference**, *Reflections ~ 22 Years of WALE*, at Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA
- Jan. 24-28, 2014, **ALA Mid-Winter**, Philadelphia, PA
- April 30-May2, 2014, **WLA Conference**, Wenatchee, WA
- June 26-July1, 2014 **ALA Conference**, Las Vegas, NV

Good news! Microsoft IT Academy (ITA) program provides industry-leading technology skills to help bridge the skills gap...

The State Legislature funded the Microsoft IT Academy at \$1.5 million for two years. The Microsoft IT Academy in Washington will allow library cardholders to take a plethora of Microsoft technology courses through their local public, community and technical college, or tribal libraries without charge. And, by getting legislative funding all site licenses are funded. Read that as there are no direct costs to libraries to offer the program.

Tentative schedule:

July 2013 – Washington State Library (WSL) staff is working with Microsoft IT Academy staff on implementation of the project. WSL staff is working with Washington library staff to sign up libraries.

August 2013 -- Microsoft staff will train Washington library staff.

September - October 2013 – Washington libraries will begin to offer the IT Academy to their communities. An IT Academy kick-off will take place sometime in September or October 2013 probably in two large media markets, one in the Puget Sound area and one in Eastern side of the state. Ideally public, community and technical college, and tribal libraries will be represented. We will ask the Secretary of State, the Governor’s Office, and key legislators to participate. The kick-off is subject to getting the program implemented in all Washington libraries.

How can you learn more?

Washington State Library staff will share a IT Academy presentation at the WALE Conference. Plan to attend!

WALE Conference

Registration is now open @

www.wla.org/wale-conference

(PS—Don’t forget to apply for the WALE Scholarship!)



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2013 WALE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE continue their work...

**Volunteers are still
welcome! The next online
meeting is 8:30 a.m.,
Thursday, August 1**

Notify Joe or Theresa if you
are interested...

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Meet our State Librarian...Rand Simmons

1. Where do you work? How long? What is your job? I work for the Office of the Secretary of State in the Washington State Library. I have been with the Washington State Library for a little over twelve years. Currently I am the Washington State Librarian.

2. What is the best part of your library job? Interacting with library staff. A visit to a library always brings renewal and perspective. I am so proud of the service Washington libraries provide to the people of this state.

3. Favorite book in the last year? Currently I am reading Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walters. I've used it for my airport/airline reading so I am making slow progress in moving through it. I am intrigued as to how Jess can weave complex stories into one and keep me totally involved.

4. Preferred cuisine? I am both a gardener and a cook. I love food for more than it's apparent value – keeping us healthy and alive. I have long preferred a Mediterranean cuisine – the oregano, basil, thyme and so forth. But as I read through cooking magazines (I read them far more than fiction, I confess) I'm exploring other cuisines including Middle Eastern and Asian.



Rand & David Lane at their nuptials on June 29.

5. Who do you consider a hero? And why? There are several, I suppose. I don't choose heroes in ways others may. I try to understand all facets of individuals and appreciate them for the things they do that are beneficial to me or to society and forgive them for human flaws and positions I don't support. So, I would say that Jack Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barak Obama are all Presidents I admire.

6. Interesting or favorite destination? I haven't traveled abroad but would like to. I have been to Canada but not to Mexico. This summer I attended a meeting of the Western Council of State Librarians in Juneau, Alaska and loved it. I probably wouldn't want to be there during winter but I could totally hang out there during the summer.

7. How long have you been a WALE member? And what does WALE mean to you? I have been a strong supporter of WALE since coming to Washington. I don't remember when I began official membership, perhaps five years ago. WALE is an interest group that reaches across all levels of library personnel. I enjoy attending the conference (can't attend this year, however) and mingling with directors and all levels and specialties of library staff. I get to know them in a deeper one-on-one way. I like to think WALE members are my peeps. I hope I am their peep!

8. What is your fondest memory from your first WALE Conference? I was overwhelmed at the generosity of the attendees. At one of the early conferences I attended I remember sitting with Kristie Kirkpatrick and other Whitman County library staff and listening to Jess Walters (Kristie's brother) recite his poem about their drying and folding their mother's granny panties. It's hilarious and we were ROLF.

9. Words to live by? Simplify, love, ask forgiveness, forgive yourself, move forward.

REFLECTIONS

22 Years of WALE



October 28-30, 2013
Campbell's Resort at Lake Chelan