



WALE: an interest group of WLA

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WALE Newsletter

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WALE... Washingt on 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

Need WALE info?

www.wla.org/wale

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WALE Conference
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A Note from our WALE Vice Chair

My how time flies. My youngest graduated this year, my tinge of grey is making strides towards full embodiment, and my once keen eyesight now requires prescription glasses, though I'm sure they've helped prevent head injuries on occasion.



Remember back when it didn't matter so much how the roses smelled? When the moment was everything? Not as in breathing it all in, but rather, what's the fun in it? Those were carefree days that can be shared fondly, but gain perspective as time creeps by.

Reflecting has a way of spelling out what's important as well as defining our focus. Last year's WALE Conference theme was "Reflections: 22 years of WALE." This year's theme is "Prism of Possibilities: Lighting the Future"...the perfect next step!

With our 23rd WALE Conference on the horizon, opportunities abound to be a part of lighting the way for the future library. Whether you share your knowledge as a presenter, attend as an eager participant, or find the means to send someone, you are actively striving to create a better library for your community. And if your library would like you to attend but doesn't have the means, we have two scholarships you can apply for that could pave your way. Just go to www.wla.org/wale-scholarship-2014. Or, for current and continuing details of the conference itself, check out www.wla.org/wale.

You know, I hope I can say someday that I'm old and wise, but for now, I'm satisfied with saying I'm older and wiser...roses never smelled so good...

Joe Olayvar
WALE Vice-Chair

PS, I hate thorns.

Benefits of your WLA/WALE Membership:

- Legislative Advocacy
- Interest Group membership (1 free when you join WLA)
- WLA/WALE website and resources
- ALKI—WLA's journal with current & enduring issues & articles
- WLA & WALE Conferences for continuing education & networking (with special member registration rates)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES:

- August 13-15, 2014
PLNA Conference, Helena, MT
- August 22, 2014
Scholarship Submission Deadline for WALE Conference
- October 27-19, 2014
WALE Conference Campbell's Resort Lake Chelan, WA
- January 30, 2015
Library Legislative Day

Meet WALE Conference Committee Member, Warren Chin



Warren serves as the Prizes & Packets Coordinator for this year's conference.

Where do you work, and what do you do?

I work at The Beacon Hill Library Branch (Seattle Public Library) as a Library Associate IV. As a Library Associate IV, I staff the Information Desk while the Librarians work on outreach activities, library programs, and committee works.

What is the best part of your library job?

The best part of my library job is that I get to use my creativity and artistic talents to create beautiful displays! I get to work with my colleagues to make some popular and eye-catching displays (Hello Kitty, The Hobbit, and Star Wars were some of the popular displays so far!)

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

I have been a WALE member for roughly four years, and it is such an experience for me. The opportunity to network and learn from library employees in the region is an enriching experience. I enjoy meeting peers and seeing how other library systems function and operate, as well as 'borrowing' ideas to take back to our own branch/library system.

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

I enjoyed reading *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White as a child. I was fascinated with the relationships of the animals on the farm. I enjoy reading manga, so I enjoyed reading *The Kindaichi Case Files* series. It's about a young detective solving crime and mysteries.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

My favorite quote is Maya Angelou's "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

I enjoy watching *The Big Bang Theory*.

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

I love to go hiking, and my favorite trail is The Mailbox Peak Trail.

What is your favorite vacation spot outside of WA?

I love to go to Richmond, British Columbia, Canada and try out the Night Markets (I'm a big foodie).

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Meet WALE Conference Committee Member, Luciane Andreta Apson

Luciane serves as one of the two Volunteer Coordinators for this year's conference.



Where do you work, and what do you do?

I work for the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District as the Circulation Supervisor at the Woodland branch.

What is the best part of your library job?

Making a difference--you can actually touch people of all ages in a way that will stick with them for a long time.

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

I became a WALE member less than a year ago. I was a Library Assistant at the time, and learned about WALE when the District opened up opportunities for the non-leadership employees to attend the WALE Conference. I can honestly say WALE changed my life. I had been a Library Assistant for 2 ½ years, and I wanted to progress but I really didn't think I was "management material." Attending the conference changed me to the core. It opened my mind to a whole new world of possibilities, made me look at myself and realize that I very much was "management material," so much so that six months later I got promoted to the Circulation Supervisor position I hold now.

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

I didn't grow up in the US, so I'm still catching up on the classics. But I'm sure no matter how many of those I read, my favorite will always be *Wuthering Heights*. It was the first book in English I finished back when I was still an English student, and it's a haunted love story! I absolutely adore a good ghost story. My favorite recent read is *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. It's such a well told story, filled with fascinating characters. And it was a big plus being set in Italy, which is my heritage, and in the PNW, my home now.

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

I finally decided to give in to the masses (which is hard for me because I'm a rebel by nature) and watch *Orange is the New Black*. Well, the masses were right, it is a very good show; I cannot wait to get home and finish binge watching season 1!

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

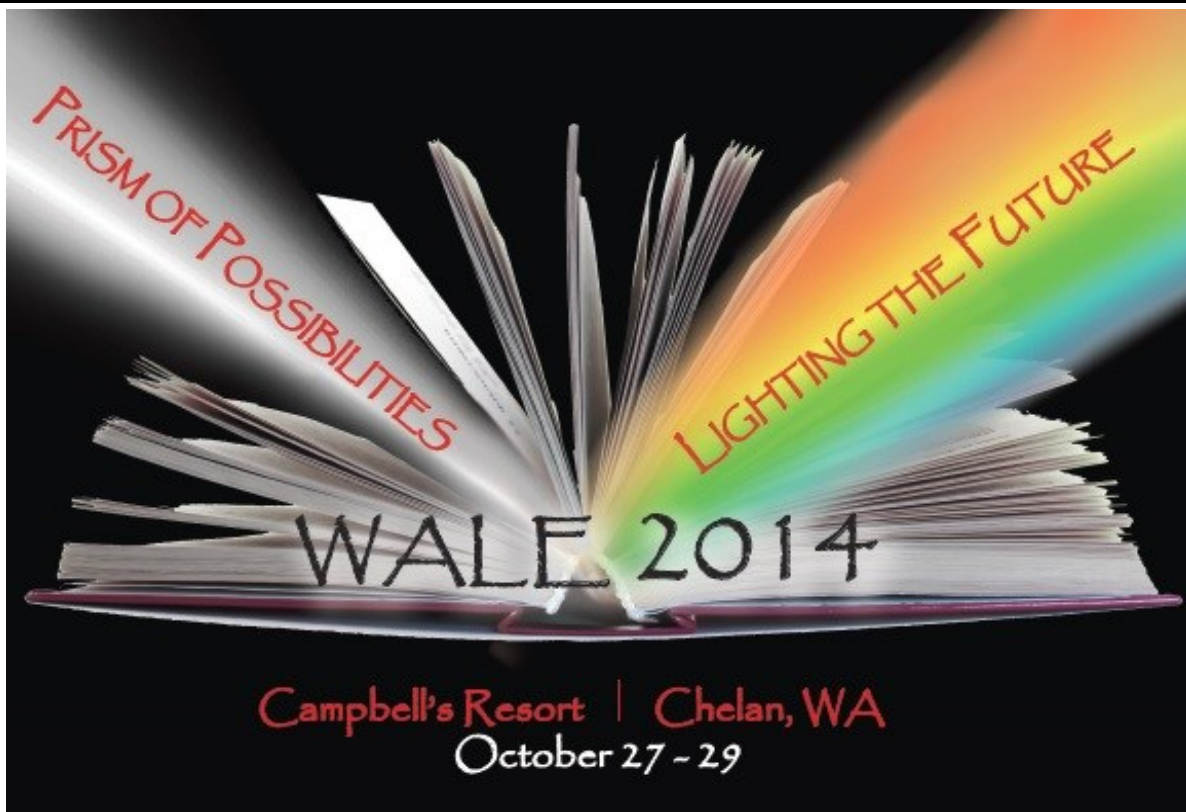
I have several quotes I love, but the one stuck to my computer on a post-it at this moment is a Twain one: "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

Our state is such a beautiful and diverse place, but I have to pick Long Beach as a favorite because, though the weather is dramatically different and it is another ocean, it reminds me a lot of a beach I used to go as kid back in Brazil.

What is your favorite vacation spot outside of WA?

Because my family lives in Brazil, I save vacation time to go back there and visit, so that is pretty much where I go outside of WA.



Monday Night Reception on October 27th
 Live Music Entertainment provided by Jennan Oaks Band

WALE Lunch Keynote:

October 28th

Secretary of State:

Kim Wyman

Kim Wyman is Washington's 15th Secretary of State, currently serving in her first term. Elected in 2012, she is the second female Secretary of State in Washington history. Before becoming Secretary, Kim served as Thurston County Auditor for 12 years. Kim is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University in Alabama. She is past president of the Washington State Association of County Auditors and is a member of the Lacey Rotary Club and a number of charitable and nonprofit organizations.

We're excited to welcome Kim to this year's conference!



Secretary of State
Kim Wyman

WALE Dinner Keynote:

October 28th

Editorial Director of

Library Journals:

Rebecca Miller

Rebecca Miller grew up in a large family in a small rural mining community in Northern Idaho. She began as an editor for the Library Journal in 1998 and served as Executive Editor for LJ since 2005. Miller received her MLIS from Pratt Institute in 2009, being named Editor-in-Chief of School Library Journal in 2011.

Named Editorial Director of Library Journals in 2013, Miller now serves as Editor-in-Chief for both the Library Journal and the School Library Journal, implementing various programs and initiatives. Look for Miller's editorials in LJ and SLJ.

We look forward to seeing her in October!



WALE Breakfast Keynote:

October 29th

Unshelved Comics:

Gene and Bill

From Gene & Bill: These days, we're all trying to make sense of daunting amounts of information.

How can people find what they need to know? Why do they expect it faster and faster? Why don't they seem to care where information comes from? Why do they believe they don't need libraries anymore? And why are libraries trying to give these folks what they want instead of standing up for what a library should be? In an entertaining and highly opinionated keynote, Gene makes the case that now, more than ever, traditional libraries have a vital place in our communities.

We're thrilled to offer this excellent program!

Too Much Information

How libraries can help us navigate a complex world