



WALE: an interest group of WLA

Fall 2013

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

Remember to be a...
WALE Conference
Friend on Facebook

A Farewell Note from our WALE Chair... Theresa Barnaby

As I write this, we have just a few weeks until the WALE Conference in Chelan, and the last minute jitters are making themselves known. There is always a worry that people won't want to come to our party, but the numbers look excellent, and thanks to the absolutely amazing conference committee this year, we have lots of incredible programs for you to attend.

This conference marks the end of my commitment as WALE chair, and it has been an interesting two years. I have been pushed beyond my comfort zone in many ways, and am so much the better for it. I have also made life-long friends, learned so much more about my profession, and gained contacts that have helped me out in many situations. I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to be active in WLA and WALE.

As I have stated before, an organization is only as strong as the people who support it. There is so much more to WLA membership besides cheaper conference rates. So don't be afraid to get involved. Start by joining a committee, working on a conference, or just being a volunteer. Knowing what you are doing is not needed, and sometimes can be a hindrance. Some of the best ideas come from people who don't know how something is supposed to be done, and figure out a better way.

Thank you all for your support, and I look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks at the 2013 WALE Conference.

***Sincerely, and with
much gratitude,***

Theresa Barnaby



Theresa Barnaby, left, with Richland Public Library buddies, Daurice Siller and Brianna Hoffman, on a road trip.

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:

- 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
- March 11-15, 2014, **PLA Conference**, Indianapolis, IN
- April 30-May 2, 2014, **WLA Conference**, Wenatchee, WA
- June 26-July 1, 2014 **ALA Conference**, Las Vegas, NV

**Meet our
Washington Library
Association President
Jennifer Wiseman...**



Jennifer is the project manager for public services at King County Library System and our current WLA President for 2013-2014. The July 2013 issue of **ALKI** features Jennifer’s article, **Transformation Beyond Tradition**, where she challenges all of us to re-imagine our Association. “Live in the future and focus your energy and attention on what’s next.” Here are a few of her interests...

- **Animal** — My beagle-red heeler mix that we adopted several years ago
- **Book** — Tale of Two Cities
- **Cuisine** — French
- **Destination** — Hawaii
- **Event** — Beat the Bridge (an annual JDRF run in support of my 4-year old niece with Type 1 diabetes)
- **Game** — Football (GO, DAWGS!)
- **Hero** — My husband
- **Movie** — Last of the Mohicans
- **Music** — Country
- **Motto** —Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning to dance in the rain.

What belonging to WLA/WALE mean to me...

Belonging to WLA/WALE gives me a sense of community and an opportunity to learn with and support library employees and advocates across the state.

My favorite part of attending library conferences...

I really love meeting new people during library conferences and building networks of people I can turn to throughout the year.



There is still time...

WALE Conference Registration

is available through Oct. 18 @
www.wla.org/wale-conference

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2013 WALE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE continue their work...

Notify Joe or Theresa if you are interested in assisting with this year's conference...

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Meet WALE Secretary... Peggy Bryan

Peggy has been a faithful WALE member for over 20 years and served as our WALE Secretary for the past two years. She will be passing the secretary duties onto Carol Ellison, from Everett Public Library, at the WALE Business meeting in Chelan on Oct. 29.

Peggy is the Business Manager and Associate Director at Whitman County Rural Library District. Here are a few of her interests...

- **Animal** — Bailey, my son Jason & Gina's yellow lab
- **Artist** — Vicki Broeckel, a local artist
- **Book** — Only one! I love the Women's Murder Club series by James Patterson, the Joe Pickett series by CJ Box and the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
- **Cuisine** — Thai, I love curry!
- **Destination**—hmmmm, so hard to pick just one! I loved Cabo, Mexico, when we went with our Son & Daughter-in-law. I also enjoyed Shanghai, China, Prague, Czech Republic and recently a cruise to Alaska.
- **Event** — Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- **Game** — Monopoly
- **Magazine** — Eating Well
- **Movie** — Olympus has Fallen
- **Music** — Adele
- **Motto** —You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script.

What belonging to WLA/WALE mean to me...

Just as libraries make a difference and enrich the lives of our customers, WLA/WALE makes a difference to all those who work in libraries. WLA/WALE provide education and support that help all of us better serve our customers, and enrich our lives at the same time.

My favorite part of attending library conferences..

I love networking with other WALE members; the opportunity to learn and grow is invaluable. I always come away with great ideas to use at my library, learn about the newest technologies and trends, discover great things and make new friends. It's fun to return to WALE to see familiar faces and meet new friends too - hope to see you there!



Peggy and her husband Pete celebrating 40 years of marriage...on a recent Alaskan cruise.



Enjoy the River Walk and participate in the City of Chelan Bingo Walk—Tues., Oct. 29, from 5-6:30 p.m.



A place to connect and build...

Top 5 Reasons to attend the 2013 WALE Conference...

- 5. Hear amazing speakers and presenters!
- 4. It's good for you...learning from your peers on hot topics.
- 3. WALE is the place to connect and build your network.
- 2. BONUS ~It promotes professional growth.
- 1. Empowerment! Take control of your future... at this year's **WALE Reflections Conference**.



Empowerment—take control of your future!



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