



# WALE: an interest group of WLA

## 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

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WALE Newsletter

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## *A Note from our WALE Chair...*

As I write this, the skies are grey and despite the daffodils in my garden, there is a definite chill in the air. But spring will be here soon, and with it several important activities for WALE.

The WALE Committee is hard at work putting together another fantastic WALE Conference (October 28-30). We are working on some excellent pre-conference programs for the Monday sessions. The Tuesday breakfast speaker will be author Robert Dugoni. Tuesday evening at dinner will feature Gene Ambaum (Unshelved). Wednesday morning we will feature John Hughes, from the Washington State Library.



Keep an eye out in mid spring for a Call for Proposals for WALE sessions. Think about the kinds of sessions you want to go to, and encourage people you know to present. We want to make sure this conference has something for everyone.

Also, sometime in early summer, I will be asking for nominations for Vice-Chair. This person will take over the position in October at our conference. Daurice Siller will become Chair, and I will move to the Past Chair position. I urge you to start thinking about what you like about WALE and what you feel can be done better. And then look for ways to make a difference in WALE. WALE is only as strong as the people who volunteer for it, and it is never a good idea to keep the same people in the same positions for long. New ideas and new ways of looking at how we do what we do and why we do what we do are vital to the success of any organization.



Thank you, and hopefully I'll see some of you in Vancouver at WLA/OLA. Look for a table with more information about WALE and about the conference.

Theresa Barnaby,  
WALE 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:**

- \* April 24-26, 2013, **WLA/OLA Conference**, Vancouver, WA
- \* June 27-July 2, 2013, **ALA Annual Conference**, *Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves*, Chicago, IL
- \* Aug. 14-16, 2013, **Pacific Northwest Library Assoc.** (PNLA) Annual Conference, Boise, ID
- \* Oct. 28-30, 2013 **WALE Conference**, *Reflections ~ 22 Years of WALE*, at Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA

**“Patron Perspective—is the Most Important Perspective”...meet our WLA President Brian Soneda**

**Where do you work?** I work at Mount Vernon City Library and have been the Library Director for 8 years, as of April 15, 2013.

**What is the best part of your library job?** Getting out into the community and having conversations about the library and its place in the community.

“We (librarians and other library insiders) may think we are doing a great job being all a great library can be, but if our patrons feel differently, what we think doesn’t matter much.” Be sure to read the rest of Brian’s UP FRONT column in the current issue of our WLA publication, ALKI...<http://www.wla.org/alki-home>

**How long have you been a WALE member?** Officially probably since 2005 or so, but I know I have supported attendance at the WALE Conference with any staff I supervised or worked with for many years before that.

**What does WALE mean to you?** It means a great group of people to work with, talk with, think with. I have been very impressed with both the vision and work ethic of people in this interest group.

**Favorite book in the last year?** I really liked **Buffalo Bill’s Dead Now**, by Margaret Coel.

**Best movie or music from the past year?** Watched **Brave** with my kids and really liked it. And I am still listening to **The Wrecking Ball CD by Bruce Springsteen a lot in the car.**

**Where is your “happy” place in Washington state?** They have flown north now but when the Trumpeter Swans and Snow Geese and Great Blue Herons are wintering in the Skagit Valley, it is right here!

**Interesting destination outside of Washington?** I’ve really enjoyed New Orleans the three times (two times for ALA Conferences) that I’ve visited that city.

**Words to live by?** It’s all about the work.



“There is no job I won’t do for the library,” Brian Soneda, WLA President.

## WALE Officers

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Theresa Barnaby,  
Richland Public Library

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## Your 2013 WALE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE is hard at work...

*There is still time to  
Volunteer! The next online  
meeting is 8:30 a.m. this  
Friday, April 5.  
Committees to assist with  
include:*

- Conference Co-Chair
- Speakers
- Programming
- Local Arrangements
- Sponsorships
- AV Coordinator
- Poker Walk
- Printing & Supplies
- And MORE!

Please notify Joe or  
Theresa for the web  
address to log in and join  
the online conference  
planning meeting.

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## Get to know another WALE Member...Mary Wise

**Where do you work?** I work at the James E. Brooks Library at Central Washington University, in Ellensburg. I have been here since 1985. From 1985 to 1992, I worked as a paraprofessional in the Catalog Department. I am currently a Catalog Librarian, focusing primarily on music materials.

### **What is the best part of your library job?**

The best part of my job is doing something that will make it easier for our patrons to find what they need. That can be giving better access through the cataloging work I do or by helping them personally when I'm on the desk in the Academic Research Commons (ARC).

**How long have you been a WALE member?** Although I have been a WLA member since 1993, I have only been a WALE member since 2003, when Martha Parsons asked me to help with a conference. I said, "But I'm not a member of WALE." Martha smiled and said, "That's not a problem. You can join right now."

**What does WALE mean to you?** WALE is important to me because it brings together all library employees in every facet of library work, rather than splitting us apart by job categories. We each bring a different perspective to the group, and that makes for a great blend of ideas.

**Favorite book in the last year?** Manhunt: the twelve-day chase for Lincoln's killer by James L. Swanson. (I never get around to reading anything until it's been out a while.)

**Best movie or music from the last year?** Oh dear – see #5 above regarding "last year". It's not a movie, but I should confess that I really enjoyed *Downton Abbey* (as did more than 7 million others).

**Where is your "happy" place in Washington state?** Happy places shift. Sometimes it's where friends and family are. Sometimes it's simply home.

**Interesting destination outside of Washington state?** Germany and Austria. They must be interesting to me – I keep going back there!

**Words to live by?** "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't--you're right." – attributed to Henry Ford.

**Anything else you want to share?** I would highly recommend that all members get involved in WALE. WALE is a huge benefit and an opportunity. You will help contribute to your profession and you will get a lot out of it – knowledge, experience, friendship.



REFLECTIONS  
22 Years of WALE

October 28-30, 2013

Campbell's Resort at Lake Chelan

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## 2013 WALE Conference

Oct. 28-30, Campbell's Resort, Chelan, Washington

### Plan to attend ...



**"A big conference experience with a small conference price."** Going back to Chelan was like seeing an old friend after a lot of years – still fun and exciting

and relevant. I saw colleagues I rarely see, and learned lots of good library tips and techniques – came back to work revitalized. I recommend it!

**Lynne King, Highline Community College Library, WALE Conference Committee**

I like WALE in Chelan because it is a great place to learn about what other libraries do; a great place to reconnect with library staff that you don't see nearly often enough; and a fun place to share stories about what happens in your library.

**Bobbie DeMiero, Washington State Library, WALE Conference Committee**

**2013 WALE  
Conference  
Info @**

**<http://www.wla.org/wale-conference>**

**Registration starts  
Mid-July...**

The WALE conference offers so many opportunities to learn, share and grow with my peers.

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