



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, Joe Olayvar

Shorts and Slippahs

Judging by the fact that I've already cut the lawn a few times and the weeds have claimed large swaths of territory in the gardens, spring definitely came early this year. Because of this, I've moved a ton of rock (I live in Yelm, the rock capital), pruned and topped trees, weeded lots, and separated and moved a few plants. Still, you gotta love it when the shorts and slippahs (aka, slippers or flip flops) are broken out sooner than expected.

Though seasons and changes are unavoidable, they often present unexpected opportunities to make the most of things. In 2017, WALE will be taking on some changes, and just like how we never fully know what a season's weather will bring us, there's a level of uncertainty that lingers. The one thing we do know however, is that it will be in the spring, not fall, that WALE will host its event. And it may not be the conference as we know it, but you, library staff from all walks, will continue to be our focus.

So as 2017, "The Year of Change" as it's been dubbed, slowly approaches, the 2015 Conference Committee is of course hard at work behind the scenes and has already lined up three keynote speakers, possible pre-conference presenters, and lots of fun stuff in general. It's awesome to see how each new committee is energized with fresh ideas as they steadily plan out the conference. "Book To The Future" is this year's theme that embraces the ever changing nature of reading media and libraries' advances towards providing solid up to date services for our communities...which I'm sure you can relate to.

Before long though, summer will see schools on their break, reading programs starting back up, and various other workshops taking shape (that could end up as sessions for the WALE Conference) as libraries change their seasonal offerings. But for others, the summer season presents a whole different set of opportunities. Me for instance, my annual plan is to be outside as much as possible and reminisce what year round sunshine is like; in shorts and slippahs of course.

Joe Olayvar, your 2015 WALE IG Chair



Joe sporting "shorts and slippahs" with his daughter Abi, son Ian, daughter-in-law Michaela, and dog Riley. Good times!

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:

May 28, 2015 Seattle
CAYAS Spring Workshop:
Serving at Risk Youth in Libraries

May 14, 2015 Kennewick &
May 20, 2015 Lakewood
LIFE Spring Workshop:
Essential Leadership

June 25-30, 2015
ALA Conference
San Francisco, CA

August 5-7, 2015
PLNA Conference

October 15-17, 2015
WLMA Conference
Yakima, WA

October 26-28, 2015
WALE Conference
Chelan, WA

Meet WALE Conference Committee Member Christy Karwoski

Where do you work, and what do you do?

I'm a public services clerk at the Bellingham Public Library.

What is the best part of your library job?

I love teaching people how to use our library, and making them feel more comfortable doing so. I'm always happy when patrons walk away saying, "Well, that was easy!"



Christy is on the Local Arrangements committee for the upcoming WALE Conference

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

I've been a WALE member for just over a year. To me, WALE is a community working to improve libraries by welcoming participation from all library employees.

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

The four novellas in *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* by Katherine Anne Porter and Iris Murdoch's *The Sea, the Sea* would probably tie for favorite classic. For a more recent book, I just finished reading *Hild* by Nicola Griffith, and I really enjoyed it.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

I'll borrow from Jack Nicholson: More good times.

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

Sneakers. I always have fun when I watch it.

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

Long Beach.

What is your favorite vacation spot outside of WA?

Zakopane, Poland. The food in the mountains is amazing.

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Meet WALE Conference Committee Member Chi Saeteurn

Where do you work, and what do you do?

I recently accepted a position as a Library Associate IV (LAIV) at the Lake City Branch of The Seattle Public Library. As an LAIV, one of my main tasks is to staff the Information Desk and provide direct customer service to patrons that visit the neighborhood library. I also manage the Community Board where posters are displayed, prepare the Information Desk schedule, and help with collection tasks by processing new books and managing media items.

What is the best part of your library job?

The best part of my job is helping patrons with their information needs. I enjoy the fact that I work in an environment where patrons feel welcomed to come into the library and ask staff for help. Furthermore, I try to seize opportunities to inform patrons about the free services that the library provides. The exchange of information that takes place as well as the connections made with communities are very rewarding!

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

I have been a WALE member for about 2-3 years now. To me, WALE means inclusion in a diverse network of people who work in libraries across the state. The range of positions, tasks, and roles vary, but one commonality where we all coalesce is the library field. Attending the WALE conferences and being a part of this amazing network as a WALE member provides a feeling of camaraderie that I truly value.

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

My favorite classic book would have to be either Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* or Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. A new favorite that I recently just finished, although I am a little late on the craze, is volume one of Masashi Kishimoto's *Naruto*.

Do you have a favorite quote or motto?

"Live well, Laugh often, Love much." – Bessie Anderson Stanley

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

One of my favorite TV shows is *The Office*.

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

Leavenworth

What is your favorite vacation spot outside of WA?

Disneyland



Chi is also on the Local Arrangements committee for the upcoming WALE Conference

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//Campbell's Resort Chelan, WA\Oct. 26 - 28\



SHARMA SHIELDS | WALE LUNCH KEYNOTE SPEAKER | OCTOBER 27th

SHARMA SHIELDS is the author of a short story collection, *Favorite Monster*, and a novel, *The Sasquatch Hunter's Almanac*. Sharma's writing has garnered such awards as the Autumn House Fiction Prize, the Tim McGinnis Award for Humor, and the A.B. Guthrie Award for Outstanding Prose. Sharma has worked in public libraries throughout Washington and now serves as a board member for the Friends of the Spokane County Library District.



BOBBI NEWMAN | WALE DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER | OCTOBER 27th

BOBBI NEWMAN, aka, Librarian by Day, is a blogger, a Tweeter, and an international speaker. Bobbi is the author of the award winning blog, *Librarian by Day*, and in 2011 was named a Mover and Shaker by *Library Journal*. Her writing is regularly highlighted by *American Libraries Direct*.

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CLANCY POOL | WALE BREAKFAST KEYNOTE SPEAKER | OCTOBER 28th

CLANCY POOL, manager of the tiny St. John Branch of the Whitman County Rural Library District, was named *Library Journal's* Paralibrarian of the Year 2014. Clancy also received the Washington Library Association's 2009 Merit Award for Outstanding Performance.