



# 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

### Need WALE info?

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

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## *WELCOME Note from our new WALE Chair...Daurice Siller*

Hello WALE!

My name is Daurice Siller, your 2014 WALE Chair. I am stupendously honored and excited to have been entrusted with the challenge of representing our interest group. I have worked for the Richland Public Library for 13 years as a library page, but spend most of my time processing and assisting our Network Specialist. I am currently enrolled fulltime in school working toward an associate degree in computer science. Over the past five years I have been involved with WALE as a presenter and as a WALE committee member, volunteering as the Volunteer Co-Coordinator, Conference Co-Chair, IG Vice-Chair, and now IG Chair.

I would like to congratulate our 2013 Conference Chair, Joe Olayvar! He never ceased to impress us with his valiant efforts in completing the tasks at hand. While I cannot say enough wonderful things about the incredible members of our committee, I will say this; the WALE Conference is the result of their tireless efforts to put on a conference that supersedes the previous years. As we head into WALE 2014, I am pleased to welcome our new Conference Co-Chairs, Kristina Payne and Lisa Vos, from Libraries of Stevens County!

We are always looking for volunteers who want to get involved with WALE. I know juggling family, school, and work can be challenging, but please consider the rewards of volunteering. Volunteering is not just about the work; it's about courage, empowerment, and pride. All of which you will experience after you have been a part of just one conference as powerful as WALE! Put your doubts aside and JUMP in!

It will be fun, I promise.

*Sincerely,*

**Daurice Siller**



*Working the 2014 Registration Desk: Past WALE Chair Theresa Barnaby, Conference Chair & NEW WALE Chair Daurice Siller, and Danielle Marcy, SUPREME Facilities Coordinator!*

**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:**

- Jan. 24, 2014, **WLA’s Library Legislative Day**, Olympia, 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
- Aug. 13-15, 2014 **PMLA Conference**, Helena, MT
- Oct. 27-29, 2014 **WALE Conference**, at Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA

**WALE Represents...**

*by Jennifer O’Brien, from the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation*

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While driving home from the 2013 WALE Conference, “Reflections – 22 Years of WALE” at the end of October, I couldn’t help but reflect on how many facets of library and Washington State life were represented. All different levels of library staff had great representation. Pages, public service staff, supervisors, catalogers, librarians, purchasers, IT staff and more all gathered together in Chelan to learn and network and support each other and grow in their library skills.



The wide variety of classes offered represented the vast areas of interest and education sought out by attendees. Class offerings included such topics as Difficult Conversations, Service Excellence, Digitization, eLearning, After School Book Clubs for K-5, Science at Your Library, Microsoft IT academy and many more.

The keynote speakers represented an assortment of authors that appealed to everyone. Robert Dugoni spoke of his childhood experiences in the library (lots of playing tag) and how his mom took her large family of 10 kids there every Saturday morning to both rest and read.

Author Gene Ambaum entertained the WALE attendees with hilarious yet true stories of day-to-day library life and how they become comic strips. John Hughes, a biographical author, spoke of the importance of seeking out and preserving oral histories from our relatives and other elder in our communities. He told a very moving story about missing the opportunity to get his uncle’s full story before he passed away.

Libraries from all over the state were well represented too! I met people from Spokane, Richland, Seattle, Kitsap County, Vancouver, Olympia, Bellingham and more.

My own crew from Sno-Isle Libraries took on and represented many of the volunteer opportunities WALE offered. We had meal ticket takers, room hosts, a volunteer co-coordinator and two presenters.

Even the fun raffle had good representation. Wine, chocolate, books, tea sets, games and office supplies represented the wide range of ideas the basket makers from the conference committee had.

All in all it was a fantastic conference and I would highly recommend attending next year to gain knowledge, build a sense of community, and represent your library!

## Our new WALE Officers:

**CHAIR—**  
Daurice Siller,  
Richland Public Library

**VICE CHAIR—**  
Joe Olayvar,  
Washington State Library

**SECRETARY—**  
Carol Ellison,  
Everett Public Library

**WALE CONFERENCE  
CO-CHAIRS—**  
Kristina Payne & Lisa  
Vos,  
Libraries of Stevens  
County

**COMMUNICATIONS—**  
Beth Bermani,  
Mt. Vernon City Library

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Mary Wise,  
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Central Wash. University

## 2014 WALE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE...

Please notify ~

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...if you are interested in working on a committee or assisting with the 2014 WALE Conference.

## 2013 WALE Scholarship Recipients...

**Beth Bermani** has worked for 10 months at **Mount Vernon City Library** and was recently promoted to Youth Services Supervisor. Her favorite part of the job is the diversity and multitasking—never a dull moment! Her favorite classic is Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Coincidentally, Beth is currently re-reading Suzanne Collins' *Mockingjay*.

Amazingly, this was Beth's first WALE Conference! She thought the key note speakers were wonderful, and it was helpful hearing about all the great things other libraries are doing. "The networking and change of pace are refreshing and motivational," explains Beth. "Plus, the info I learned in one of the sessions came in very handy during the interviews for my new position—can't beat that!"



**Amy Rosenberg** has worked at **Columbia County Rural Library District** in Dayton since March, 2013 and before that at Walla



Amy Rosenberg (left) poses with Danielle Marcy, from Spokane County Library District.

Walla County Rural Library District in Prescott branch. Currently, she is the Branch Manager and the Interim Director.

Amy loves serving her community and talking with them when they come in; finding books that they'll like and planning fun programs for them. And she loves, loves, loves, storytime!

She is currently reading the newest Thomas Pynchon book, *Bleeding Edge*, and *Nightwood* by Djuna Barnes, but it's slow going. "I'm working

on my MLIS and grad school doesn't leave a lot of time for reading for pleasure! I love Jane Austen. *Persuasion* is one of my favorites and I have a special place in my heart for *Northanger Abbey*," added Amy.

This was Amy's second WALE conference. She also attended in 2012. Amy really enjoyed all the break-out sessions and shares, "There were some great presentations and it was hard to choose which one to attend for some of the sessions. I also really enjoyed the opportunity to connect with peers from all over the state. For a rural librarian, WALE is really a wonderful opportunity to meet other library workers and to learn from them. I would recommend WALE on the basis of the meeting and networking opportunities alone. I also think that WALE is a great place for library workers to hone their skills and learn new ones to bring back. I've found WALE to be an excellent source for inspiration and a great place to recharge my enthusiasm for my profession."



**REFLECTIONS...22 Years of WALE Conference** was amazing with fantastic Keynote Speakers—Robert Dugoni, Gene Ambaum & John C. Hughes. There was plenty of networking, great breakout sessions & a bit of FUN, including the Jennan Oaks Trio!



WALE Conference Chair Joe Olayvar with DeLain Miller, Leanna Hammond, Theresa Barnaby, Brianna Hoffman and Daurice Siller.



Lynne King with Susan Madden, our personal Jewelry Extraordinaire!



Seattle Public Library attendees & Raffle Prize Winners: Julie Graham, Kris Baker and Kathie Vitz.



**2013 WALE Conference Committee** (back, l to r): Anne Brangwin, Angela Morris, Cindy Wigen, Peggy Bryan, Lynne King, Lisa Adams, Joe Olayvar. (front, l to r) Jennifer O'Brien, Danielle Marcy, Leanna Hammond, Daurice Siller, Theresa Barnaby, Kolleen Schlenker, Georgette Rogers, and Gerie Ventura.



Local Arrangements, Bingo Walk Coordinators: Anne Brangwin & Angela Morris (NCRL).