

# Washington Library Trainers

## Minutes for March 15, 2019 meeting

### University Prep, Seattle 9:30-2:30pm

**Present:** Diane Huckabay, Washington State Genealogical Society, Betha Gutsche, OCLC/WebJunction program, Elizabeth Laukea, Washington Office of the Secretary of State, Tami Masenhimer, Washington State Library, Anne Bingham, University Prep, Seattle

2019 WALT Steering Committee = Chair: Anne Bingham, Vice-Chair: Tami Masenhimer, Chair Emeritus: Brian Haight, Communications: Alan Jacobson, Webmaster: Joe Olayvar

Our small but mighty meeting started with Introductions and what's new at work:

Diane Huckabay: formerly represented Ellensburg Public Library, now volunteers to train CWU History student interns at the Kittitas County Genealogical Society. Currently on the board with the Washington State Genealogical Society, as chair of the Education and Outreach committee. Now affiliated with WLA Special Libraries Division.

Betha Gutsche: Supercharged Storytime with CiKeithia Pugh of SPL, self-paced course, surpassed enrollment goal, discussion forum has been lively. Small Libraries create small spaces. Transformation Stories online @webjunction. Creating training to access Civil and Legal Justice resources

Elizabeth Laukea: Career Bridge; High school 21+, Microsoft Imagine Academy; Lynda.com;

Tami Masenhimer: Ryan Dowd, rethinking Homeless and Marginalized, empathy bound. Essential conversation at work. Training Coordinator--how to get Libraries involved in 2020 census. 6560 workshops.

Anne Bingham: excited to be chairing WALT, loves learning training tips--icebreakers, etc.

We discussed upcoming WALT meetings

Section Leader Orientation--Tami Masenhimer will attend for WALT, online, Friday, March 22, 3:30-5pm  
Board Meeting April 17, 2:30-4:30 pm at the Vancouver Hilton, Anne will attend.

WALT Meeting at conference, 8:00-9:30 am, room to be announced. Anne will invite OLA counterparts, newcomers welcome. Eight am is a little early for a Saturday meeting, maybe we can officially start at 8:30.

Anne will set more in person and online meeting dates after the April conference.

We discussed Design Thinking for Libraries.

### **Conference 2019**

We will have a table for WALT, and will decorate in keeping with the conference theme, Charting the Unknown Together (with Washington Library Trainers) We'll possibly use compass, compass rose, or other analog GPS symbols for a decorative theme.

WALT Sessions to support at conference:

Thursday, April 18, 10:00-11:15 am, Learning circles: Community-led education at the library with P2PU,  
PRESENTERS: Grif Peterson, Programs Lead, P2PU Nico Koenig, Community Lead, P2PU Elizabeth Laukea,

Workforce Development Librarian, Washington State Library. We noted in previous WALT minutes “EXPENSES: Total \$1540 SPONSOR: WLA WALT (Library Trainers)” We were not sure if this total of \$1540 was designated for specific expenses. Anne will check with Brian, Elizabeth will also follow up. (Follow up note: March 19, 2019--WALT Steering Committee approved up to \$800 to pay for speaker’s travel for this program).

Thursday, April 18, 1:45-3 pm, Making Space for Active Learning in Your Library, Betha Gutsche, WebJunction Programs Manager, OCLC; Brianna Hoffman, Librarian, Project Coordinator, Consultant, Independent Contractor. This program is not officially designated a WALT program, both presenters are WALT members and enthusiasts.

Saturday, April 20, 1:45-3 pm, Training Staff to Solve Tech Problems: A Hands-on Approach Sponsors: OLA Staff Training Round Table (STRT) and WLA Washington Library Trainers (WALT) Section. Blake Kincaid, Staff Development Coordinator, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, Lee-Anne Flandreau, Reference Services Coordinator, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries

**WALT Budget:** WALT currently has \$2,700 available. It looks like we have \$800 of this committed to the Learning Circles session. Anne has written to Jenna at WLA to find out if any of this goes away if we don’t spend it, and to find out what we can spend it on; also to find out procedure for approving expenditures.

(Budget Follow-up: Anne learned that of the \$2700, \$2500 will rollover if not spent. The last \$200 is the annual section allotment that does not roll over. This money can be spent on supporting programs & speakers, reception food, supplies, silent auction basket, promotion, etc. WLA Office says the chair can approve expenses, or the Steering Committee. Expenses are then approved at the WLA Office).

We talked about goals for 2019: to build relationships, before and during conference, learn from OLA counterparts, recruit for WALT, promote WALT as training resource, consider Fall 2019 (Learn Local events?) and Spring 2020 training possibilities--we have time to plan, collaborate, and create partnerships. We discussed the possibility of hosting distributed trainings throughout the state. These could be held at numerous locations throughout the state, focus on a livestream training event, and then have live discussion, follow-up activities, etc. on site. Tami is working on this.

UPrep Instructional Coach Veronica McGowan stopped by to chat. She did not participate in our meeting as we thought we had to move off campus due to a water emergency. The emergency was resolved, and we were able to stay on campus.

We enjoyed the self-proclaimed World’s Best Falafel at Zaina’s on Lake City Way.

We talked about Learning Circles and our past WALT Learns Together programs, and hope to revive that practice to share Reading for Pleasure--starting with Deep Work by Cal Newport. We did not hammer out a schedule, but aim to start post conference. Anne and Elizabeth had come across this title through an online, national professional development book club. Anne thought the title provided a lot of food for thought. Anne will get two copies to give away at the WALT meeting at OLA/WLA.

Business: Web pages. We need to update our bylaws. The June 2017 minutes state that WALT had approved new bylaws. These need to be found and posted. We also need procedures for governance. Tami might receive that info at the section lead orientation on March 22.

We talked about Social and Emotional Learning, Equity and Inclusion, Coding Interface = microbits, preconference Virtual Reality, Scholarships, Ice Breakers (teams making random shapes into animals), the need to crowdsource a list of WALT initiatives ( a fun and inspiring list of the many things Library trainers are working on), and more.

We adjourned on a sunny afternoon.