



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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2012 WALE Conference Registration Desk is manned by Theresa Barnaby, Brianna Hoffman, Lisa Adams with Bobbie DeMiero, Jennifer Fenton and Martha Shinnors in the foreground.

A Note from our WALE Chair...

Hello WALE –

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone involved in the WALE conference this year. It was a

first rate conference, and we have been getting lots of great feedback. Thank you to all – now on to 2013!

We had only one applicant for the Vice Chair position, and after reviewing the by-laws regarding vacancies, the board and I have appointed Daurice Siller as the next Vice Chair to take over for Laura Schmidt. Daurice was one of the co-chairs for this year's successful conference, and has a passion and love for libraries and the people who work in them. Congratulations to Daurice.

We do have dates for next year's conference. The 2013 conference will be held on Monday, October 28 – Wednesday October 30. And it will once again be in beautiful Chelan at Campbell's Resort.

We have one Conference Chair; Joe Olayvar from the Washington State Library has graciously taken that on. I would love to have one more person to help Joe out, someone from the North Central Regional Library would be great (hint hint!) Danielle Marcy from Spokane Valley will head up our Facilities, and Georgette Rogers (Liberty Lake) and Lynne King (Highline) are taking care of Prizes and Packets. We are still looking for someone to head up Speakers and Local Arrangements. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested. Remember, all meetings take place online, and they are usually once a month for about an hour. *(Continued on page 2)*

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 ed & networking (with special member registration rates)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES:

- * Jan. 25-29, 2013, **ALA Mid-Winter Meeting & Exhibits**, Seattle, WA
- * Feb. 15, 2013, **Washington Library Legislative Day**, Olympia, WA
- * 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**, Campbell’s Resort, Chelan

A Note from our WALE Chair...

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Lastly, I encourage everyone to think about taking on more responsibility in WALE. Next August, we will be calling for nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary. We need people to step up and take a leadership role in this organization. Yes, it takes some time, but not as much as you might think. Meetings are online and most communication is by email. But what you get in turn are a ton of new resources to call upon, new friends to hang out with, and a revitalization of your energy and enthusiasm for library work. And let’s be honest – participation in a professional state organization looks great to any library board or city council. So please think about it and make the decision to participate more fully in WALE.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to all,
Your WALE Chair,
Theresa Barnaby, Richland Public Library

2012 WALE Conference Committee...



2012 WALE Coming of Age Conference Planning Committee, from left to right: Bobbie Dimiero, Daurice Siller, Brianna Hoffman, Danielle Marcy, Theresa Barnaby, Georgette Rogers (front), Cindy Wigen, Jennifer Fenton, Lisa Adams, Gina Rice, and Lynne King. Not pictured: Leanna Hammond and Peggy Bryan.

A WALE of a Thank You from the 2012 WALE Conference Co-Chairs,

Brianna Hoffman, Library Page – Richland Public Library, bhoffman@richland.lib.wa.us

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WALE Officers

CHAIR—
Theresa Barnaby,
Richland Public Library

VICE CHAIR—
Daurice Siller, filling vacant
position, beginning Nov.
2012

SECRETARY—
Peggy Bryan,
Whitman County Library

COMMUNICATIONS—
Cindy Wigen,
Spokane Public Library

**2013 WALE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE...
Seeking Volunteers!**

*You are invited to join the
2013 WALE Conference
Planning Committee...still
needed:*

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

Please notify Theresa or
Joe for the web address
to log in and join the
online conference plan-
ning meeting at 8:15 a.m.
on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013.

Contact:
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2012 WALE Scholarship Recipients...

Ronda Gimlen, Liberty Lake Municipal City Library, was one of this year's WALE Scholarship recipients. She is pictured on the left with her co-worker, Delain Miller. "I really enjoyed the WALE conference. Thank you all so much for the scholarship! My favorite part was the classes I attended. I learned a lot and it was interesting to see how other libraries handle various issues. The class I enjoyed the most was presented by Spokane County and Spokane Public Libraries. It was about Lucky Day books. They are paperback copies of recent bestsellers. You shelve them by the check out desk and they are a fun surprise for the patrons. I think this would be a fun addition to our library." Thank you again, Ronda Here are a few of Ronda's favorite things:



- Animal— cat
- Artist— Monet
- Cuisine— American
- Destination— Las Vegas
- Event— Christmas
- Game— Apples to Apples
- Movie— Cocktail
- Book— I really like *Duma Key* by Stephen King
- Music— Country! Is there any other kind?
- Myth— Loch Ness Monster (I do Believe!)
- Motto— Be a good person and never intentionally hurt anyone.

Tracey Rice, LAPII at JFK Library, Eastern Washington University... I had a wonderful time at the 2012 WALE conference. I enjoyed getting to know other library lovers from across the state and to learn what is working (and not) in their libraries. The sessions that I went to were fun and informative. The resort was beautiful and everyone was so helpful. I hope I have the opportunity to attend another conference in the future and possibly help out sometime. It looked like it could be fun (but a lot of work!)." –Below are a few of her favorite things. Tracey is pictured on the right with new friend Barbara Nadean, from Mid-Columbia Libraries.



- Animal—Cougar—WSU Cougar as a matter of fact!!
- Artist—My friend Kia, one of the most talented people I know.
- Book—Too many to list!!
- Cuisine—Mexican food
- Destination—Dream--Alaska
- Event—Annual EWU Library Oktoberfest Fundraiser
- Game—Speed Scrabble
- Movie—The Notebook...I am a sap for a love story!
- Music—Love it all!
- Motto—"After the verb "to love," "to help" is the most beautiful verb in the world!

2012 WALE Conference Session Handouts:

<http://2012wale.conference.wla.org/sessions/>

WALE 2012 Conference

Coming of Age



2012 WALE Conference Overview
Oct. 29-31, Campbell's Resort, Chelan, Washington



"Oh, wow, the view from my room was incredible. Love the sunshine and being in Chelan!"

"The resort and staff were very attentive...and the speakers and presenters did an excellent job."

Conference Committee Member, Gina Rice (standing), welcomes Benling Wong and Doris Jones from Seattle Public Library after a few navigation glitches on the road to Chelan!



Keynote Breakfast with Stephanie Gerding kicked off this jammed packed day of presentations—pictured here with Jennifer Fenton, from Washington State Library. She shared her five points for *Coming of Age...*

The banquet featured keynote speaker and author Erica Bauermeister. Bauermeister summarized the lengthy journey to her writing career along with the timing of her life experiences in obtaining enough wisdom to write. That wisdom brought her to a place where she could share deep emotional losses of family and speak to all of "our invisible fears."

Plan to attend the 2013 WALE Conference...Oct. 28-30!

