



Washington Library Association

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1. CAYAS at WLA and Incoming Board



Incoming CAYAS Board:

Chair: Jennifer Fleck
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2. WLA Takeaways

From Meg Beade: "As an information school student interested in youth services, I found the session on Guerrilla Storytime extremely useful! I probably gathered at least 4 or 5 storytime songs to add to my collection as well as suggestions I may use during my internship this summer."

From Kendra Jones: "The session on The Adolescent Brain broadened my understanding of how teens work and armed me with some tools and tricks to help me be more successful in my interactions with teens. Be aware of your face-it might appear to teens to be angry when that isn't your intention."

3. Graduate Study Scholarships

The Washington Library Association awards one or more scholarships annually to WLA members who are enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLIS degree program and have completed at least one semester or quarter. The scholarships are up to \$6,000 per recipient. Applicants are evaluated based on demonstrated potential for leadership in the profession and commitment to libraries and library service.

Timeline

- August 15, 2014 – Deadline for applications
- Late August/Mid-September – Top candidates interviewed
- Mid-Late September 2014 – Scholarship awarded
- April 2015 – Scholarship recipient(s) introduced at 2015 WLA Conference in Tulalip, WA

How to Apply

Complete the application form and attach to it:

- Your current resume.
- Copy of an official transcript from the MLIS program you are attending, showing work completed during your last semester or quarter.
- Three letters of recommendation, with at least one from a professor or advisor in your MLIS program.

Each letter of recommendation should include contact information (email and telephone) for the person writing it.

Mail to:

Washington Library Association, Attn: MLIS Scholarship, 23607 Highway 99, Suite 2-C, Edmonds, WA 98026.

Faxes will not be accepted.

The application and ALL materials must be postmarked by **August 15, 2014**. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration.

For more information on the criteria and timeline, and to download the application, see

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

4. 2014 Evergreen Young Adult Book Award and Changes for 2015

The Washington Young Adult Review Group (WashYARG) is excited to announce *Divergent* by Veronica Roth as the winner of the 2014 Evergreen Young Adult Book Award. Although a few other titles received their fair share of votes, *Divergent* was the clear favorite of Washington teens (earning 45% of the votes). Thank you so much to everyone who promoted the contest, encouraged teens to read the nominated titles and participated in voting.

In 2015 we are officially changing our name to the **Evergreen Teen Book Award**. We hope this will simplify promotions and more obviously indicate our target voting group. After much reading and deliberating by the committee, the **2015 Evergreen Teen Book Award nominees** are:



Please encourage your teens to read as many of the nominees as possible in the coming months. To vote for their favorite in March 2015, teens need to have read at least two from the list. More information including book talks, promotional flyers, and ballots will be available soon at our website www.evergreenbookaward.org. You can also find us on Facebook!

We would love to increase participation in voting. If you have any stories to share about how you use the Evergreen Award nominees with your teens, please send them to kirsten.gunn@highlineschools.org. We will work to share these ideas throughout the year at our website.

Finally, the Evergreen committee is also looking for titles to consider for the 2016 nominee list. We would love to hear from you and your teens about any books (fiction, non-fiction, manga, graphic novels) you loved that were published in 2013. Please send the titles of suggested books to kirsten.gunn@highlineschools.org.

5. Storytime Training and Professional Development Tool: Storytime University

Are you looking for free ways to develop your storytime skills? Are you already doing a lot of professional development but want to get credit for it? Do you wish professional development was just more fun? Storytime University might be for you! When you enroll you will earn digital badges for completing various professional development tasks related to storytime and early literacy.

For details and to enroll go here:

<http://storytimeunderground.org/2014/06/23/storytime-underground-presents-storytime-university/>

6. Future Newsletters

Do you have a news item or story you'd like to see in this newsletter? Please share them with Kendra Jones by emailing kjones@fvrl.org.