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WLA Graduate Study Scholarship Fund

By Jose Garcia

Dear Colleagues,

The holiday season can be a hectic time, but it can also be a time of reflection and generosity. The Washington Library Association (WLA) Scholarship Committee would like to take this time to appeal to that generosity and ask that you consider donating to the WLA Graduate Study Scholarship Fund to help support up-and-coming librarians keep our association, and profession, viable and relevant in our digital age. Please consider a financial donation today by going to the WLA Donations page [HERE](#):

On behalf of the entire Scholarship Committee, THANK YOU, and Happy Holidays!

Nominate Someone for the CAYAS Visionary Award

By Jessica Lucas

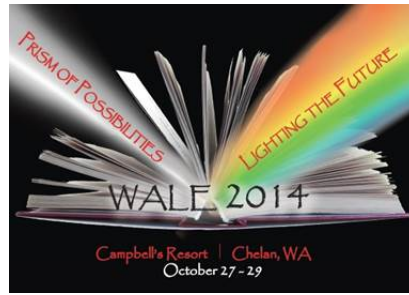
Who blows you away with their dedication to children's and/or young adult services? Please nominate them for the CAYAS Visionary Award!

Please fill out a [submission form](#) by February 28, 2015. [Look specifically at page 6.](#)

The CAYAS Award for Visionary Library Service to Youth recognizes individuals who, through their practice and example, provide inspiration and leadership for others who serve children and young adults in libraries. Those eligible to be nominated for this award include staff or volunteers from public, school or special libraries. The work that qualifies an individual for nomination may include cumulated efforts over several years in the field of library service to youth, or may be a singular and exceptional effort that sets new standards for practice. The purpose of the award is to commend the individual who will receive it, and also to appreciate and bring attention to the remarkable and tireless efforts of all individuals who work with young people in libraries.

A WALE of a Story

By Joe Olayvar



Not far from the dead center of this beautiful state, migrating from every corner, library staff came together to partake in three days of commonality at Campbell's Resort for the annual WALE Conference from October 27-29. The air was filled with all the struggles and hopes libraries are facing today. It was a force of one...one community that is. Comradery runs high with library staff to the point where the WALE Conference is akin to a family reunion, but without all that messy stuff. Like Uncle Numbskull's rant about Aunt Misguided joining the Foreign Legion to meet a nice, down to earth guy.

Of course, family reunions don't normally have such terrific Keynote Speakers. First came Secretary of State Kim Wyman, who painted us a virtual picture depicting libraries in their past, present, and hopeful future state. Her brush strokes often used ominous colors, but would repaint over them with colors of possibility and aspiration. Next came Rebecca Miller, Editorial Director of Library Journal in New York, validating libraries importance using history and current poll results, but not in the stagnant "here's the facts" sort of way. [read more...](#)

WLA Member Profile: Christine Peck



Christine Peck is recently retired from serving as the library manager at the Aberdeen Timberland Library. Christine writes that she's "optimistic about the future of libraries. I have found people to be hungry for ideas. I think libraries will be here for years to come providing that access we all want and need."

Meet Christine:

Q. How did you like your job as Library Manager at the Aberdeen Timberland Library?

A. It was an honor to serve the Aberdeen community for over thirty years. I was only the third "head librarian" for the Aberdeen Library in over seventy-five years. The citizens of Aberdeen have long valued excellent library service. Today the Aberdeen Library enjoys the support of three very generous endowment/trust funds in addition to an active Friends of the Library group.

Q. How long have you been a member of WLA?

A. I first joined WLA in the mid-70's while working as a library assistant prior to entering library school.

Q. How have you been personally involved in WLA?

A. Besides attending conferences and Library Legislative Day, my first contribution came while finishing library school. I organized and offered a continuing education workshop on lifelong learning in libraries. Later in the early 80's, I served as the WLA Membership Committee chair.

Q. How have you benefited from being a member of WLA?

A. I have certainly benefited from the active legislative presence WLA maintains. My library is stronger because WLA is educating our legislators and other elected officials and leaders on library issues, library funding, and the importance of libraries of all kinds.

Q. What is your favorite thing about libraries? [read more...](#)

Professional Enrichment: Yes Please! But When?

By Korissa McGlocklin

If I told you there was a way, a way at work to learn something new, maybe dive into a side-project being neglected, would you be interested? Would you do it if you could? What would you do with your 'me' time? (If you like things the way they are and don't want 'me' time, read this anyway. Then you won't have to act surprised and be sour when it happens. It's for your own good.)

Jeanne Fondrie, Learning Coordinator for Whatcom County Library System, gave a presentation about self-directed learning at the WALT (Washington Library Trainers) meeting in October. She outlined a program for library staff to take time out from their regular duties and learn for themselves. Wait, what? Learn for myself at work?

Here's how it works:

Each library employee receives a 4x5 library card good for a predetermined amount of time to engage with a resource of their choice for personal enrichment. These cards are redeemable at any time within a predetermined time range. The goal? A win-win situation in which you can pursue something you want to do for the benefit of yourself and your library family.

A few ideas:

Blow the dust off that side project. Take in how another department in your library works. Dive into TED.com for some inspiring thought, or pop over to WebJunction.org for a webinar. [read more...](#)

Celebrating 125 Years of Library Services in the Yakima Valley

By Charlotte Layman

Library services in the Yakima Valley began in 1889. Citizens in one small community hoped to enrich their lives by providing a public reading room. In time, that same hope spread throughout the valley. Growing towns that established schools and libraries boasted of the culture and education they could offer new settlers and investors. Those early libraries were the seeds that became Yakima Valley Libraries. Every community has contributed to the growth and development of Yakima Valley Libraries.

To commemorate the event we hosted a series of Coffee and Conversation events at our West Valley, Yakima Central and Buena branches. The events were hosted in both English and Spanish to accommodate our demographic and they focused on



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four topics: The Drive to Statehood, Our Library- our History and our Future, Transportation Transformation, Agriculture and Irrigation.

In addition we set up branch specific displays like the one featured below:

