



WALE: an interest group of WLA

WALE... WAshtington 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?

www.wla.org/wale

Remember to connect with **WALE Conference** on Facebook!

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A Note from our next WALE Chair Lisa Vos

Ahhhh...the smoke has cleared! What a relief for many of us caught in the chaos. My children actually enjoyed it and were excited watching the 800+ personnel create a fire camp close to home. I remembered the same feeling when I was young, amazed by the constant activity. Being an adult, I viewed this very differently as smoke closed down on us for weeks putting pressure and stress on everyone in the community as many of us evacuated. Community libraries were a major resource for people in the heart of the affected areas. With Chelan being one of these hard hit areas, we invite you to **"Book to the Future"** at this year's WALE conference and help support Lake Chelan's local economy and learn new library tricks!

A big thank you to those who attended WALE 2014 **"Prism of Possibilities: Lighting the Future"** last year in beautiful Chelan. I hope each of us had the chance and will continue to apply what we have learned through WALE. What is the future of libraries? What is WALE's future? Next year will be the WALE Conference's 25th year! We are in need of some great volunteers to help next year because it will be one to remember. With this year's conference coming up fast and planning in full swing, we can **"Book to the Future"** together in order to build networks and attend trainings to support the people in our communities. With Bobbi Newman, Clancy Pool and Sharma Shields in our keynote line-up we are sure to **"Escape the Ordinary"** in Chelan! We close online registration for the upcoming, 24th annual WALE conference on **Wednesday the 21st at noon**, but you can still register on site the day of the conference. So remember to Stay Clam and WALE On and register here: [#WALE15](https://www.wla.org/wale)

See you there!
Lisa Vos
Incoming WALE Chair



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 education & networking (with special member registration rates)

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES:

October 15-17, 2015
WLMA Conference
Yakima, WA

October 26-28, 2015
WALE Conference
Chelan, WA

April 27-29, 2016
2016 WLA Conference
Spokane, WA

Meet WALE Conference Committee Member Darren Ng

Where do you work, and what do you do?

I am currently a Library Associate 2 at the Broadview Branch Library of the Seattle Public Library. I work at the circulation desk and assist patrons with all manner of library services.

What is the best part of your library job?

The people! I get to work with some of the best people I have ever worked alongside, and I get to engage with some of the best patrons I have ever encountered.

How long have you been a WALE member, and what does WALE mean to you?

I have been a WALE member since 2014 when I attended my first WALE Conference. WALE represents a commitment to excellent service and a commitment to each other. WALE means that, through each other, we can achieve excellence. WALE - We Achieve Library Excellence.

What is your favorite classic book, and what is a favorite recent book you have read?

Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* is one of my favorite classics. Basically anything by Bradbury is a classic. For a recent favorite, I really enjoyed Ernest Cline's *Ready Player One*. His ode to the 80's and geek culture hits all the right notes.

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

The original *Star Wars* trilogy are by far my all-time favorite films. Words cannot describe my love for those films and how excited I am for the upcoming continuation of their stories in *The Force Awakens*. *Frasier*, a sitcom set here in Seattle, is definitely one of my all-time favorite TV shows. Its unique brand of pretentious, self-satirizing humor is golden and still relevant today, 11-years after its conclusion.

What is your favorite Washington state destination?

The Cinerama Theater in Downtown Seattle is one of my favorite spots. I love the smell of their chocolate popcorn and the old-timey grandeur that the theater has managed to capture, hearkening back to the golden age of cinema.



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WALE Officers Needed!

Two board positions are open for the next term which begins the end of October. If you are interested, please contact [Joe Olayvar](#) (or talk to him or Lisa Vos at the WALE Conference).

WALE Secretary
Elected two year term

WALE Communications
Appointed; no set term

Also, we will be looking for next year's WALE Conference committee members. If you are interested, be sure to attend the WALE Conference Committee Meeting at the conference on Wednesday, October 28 before breakfast.



Conference Highlights

- ⇒ WALE Dessert Reception 10/27, 6:30pm-8:30pm
 - Featuring Jennan Oaks Band
- ⇒ Three stellar keynote speakers
 - Award-winning author, Sharma Shields
 - Mover and shaker librarian, Bobbi Newman
 - Award-winning paraprofessional, Clancy Pool
- ⇒ WALE Scrabble Walk through beautiful downtown Chelan
- ⇒ Chelan Library Tour 10/28, 11:30am-12:30pm
- ⇒ Great sessions; raffle prizes; networking; photo booth, and more!

We need volunteers during the WALE Conference. We are looking for session monitors, ticket takers, people to staff the registration table and more. If you are interested please fill out this [form](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Beth](#) or [Danielle](#).

Greetings WALE Conference-goer!

Going to a conference is a major undertaking, and the trip to beautiful Chelan can be long, but if you have a chance, take the time to see the sights and enjoy the ride!



Before heading out make sure to grab a hearty breakfast.



The long road is best journeyed with great company!

Checkout local shops!!!



Bailey's Bibliomania Books

Yellow Church Café in Ellensburg, WA



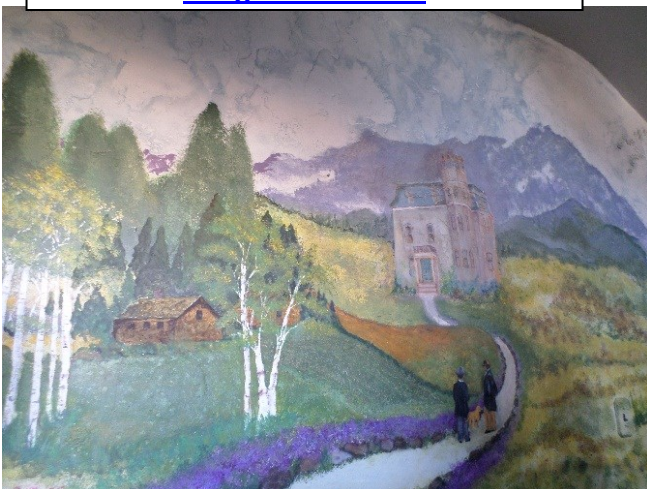
One good meal always deserves another!



Ellensburg Castle

Be adventurous and...

Craig Castle Mural



explore
nearby
attractions
recommended
by locals!



Visit local libraries!

Ellensburg Public Library

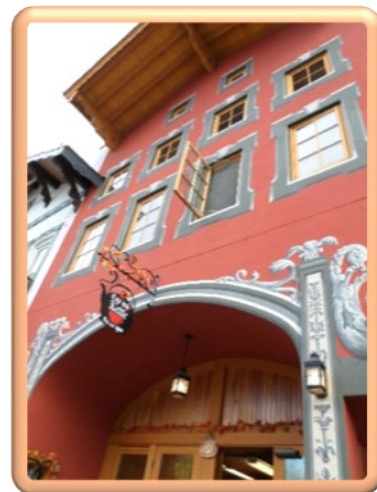


Chelan Public Library



& if you have time after the conference, visit places you may have missed!

Leavenworth



SEE YOU @WALE 2015!