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President’s Welcome
With spring just around the corner and ready to bring with it warmer weather, it warms me to be a part of this, the West Virginia Library Association’s first electronic newsletter. Congratulations to everyone involved. It’s exciting to see WVLA make this move to an electronic format.

Libraries are at the forefront of digital learning. We help encourage children to begin a lifetime of reading, not only through our hard copy books and summer reading events, but also through access to computers, software and the Internet.

It is these and our vast list of public services, which led me to select the theme “One Team, One Goal!” Without Libraries, our patrons throughout West Virginia’s cities, towns and rural communities would bear the loss of access to all we offer each and every day.

We must work together and continue our efforts to provide these vital services to our patronage. As we plan for 2016 and beyond let us promote sharing amongst each other and all our libraries. We are “One Team with One Goal” and it is our job, no our passion, to continue pushing the edge and moving forward. I ask that each library share the great service they provide with the entirety of WVLA. Not only can we share our concepts and plans, but also help generate ideas for others as well as ourselves.

Spring Fling is just around the corner Thursday-Friday, April 7-8, at the Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites. This year’s theme rings very true... “Without Libraries What Have We? We Have No Past and No Future.” I wish to thank Amy Stover, who has been working hard on the program. I also want to thank the 2015 Executive Board members and Committee members, all of whom work so hard to promote libraries in our state.

Legislative Day was successful this past February. Be sure to keep in touch with your representatives year round. Keep libraries on their minds throughout the entire year. Thank you to the Legislative Committee for another valuable Legislative Day.

We have a new round table: the Library Instruction Roundtable. Anyone interested in serving on this round table is encouraged to contact Kat Phillips at phillipsk@marshall.edu. With so much going on and coming up, please mark your calendars for our annual Fall Conference, which is Wednesday - Friday, October 5 - 7 at The Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels, WV. Check our website, www.wvla.org, for updates.

I wish to express my gratitude to everyone for electing me their 2016 President. It truly is an honor! 
- Emilee Seese

Emilee Seese
President 2016

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Spring Fling
April 7 – 8, 2016
Flatwoods, WV

Thursday — April 7, 2016
Registration: 8:30 am

Session 1: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Room B: Notary Service in Library
Penney Barker

Room C: Choosing the Right Path for You
Cat Stacey, Caitlin Walker, Gretchen Beach and Lori Thompson

Room D: Weed: It’s Not Illegal
David Owens and Elizabeth Fraser

Room E: Local Purchasing Card
The West Virginia Division of Personnel

VENDOR BREAK 10:30 - 11:00 am

Session 2: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Room B: Libraries as Centers for Civic Engagement
Kent Spellman

Room C: Let’s Get Social, Media Basics
Lori Thompson

Room D: Preserving West Virginia
Danielle Emerling, Jane LaBarbara, Lori Hostuttler and Stewart Plein

Room E: Trustee
Charlie Bagley

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Session 3: 1:15 – 2:15 pm
Room B: Updating Services for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Print Impaired
Donna Calvert

Room C: Room D: Meet M.A.L.I.A.
Lorraine Abraham

Room D: How Do We Do It: Video Tutorials
Stephen Hupp

Room E: Libraries & K-20 Education: Creating a Roadmap for Success Panel Discussion with Jing Qiu, Anna Crawford, Ashleigh Coren, Lori Hostuttler and Chanelle Pickens

VENDOR BREAK 2:15 - 2:30 pm

Session 4: 2:30 - 3:15 pm
Room B: NORLN Meeting
Room C: Preservation Roundtable
Room D: Literacy Roundtable
Room E: Library Instruction Roundtable

VENDOR BREAK: 3:15 - 3:30 pm

Session 5: 3:30 – 4:15
Room B: Tech Services Roundtable
Room C: WV Foundation Center Librarians
Room D: Directors Roundtable
Room E: ILL/Reference Roundtable

Friday — April 8, 2016
Registration: 8:30 am

Session 1: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Room B: Summer Reading Crafts
Rebekah Epling

Room C: Adventures in Green Screen Programming
Dana Phelps, Sarah Shewbridge and Kelly Tanksley

Room D: Tactile Story Times That Won’t Break the Bank
Cate Weber

Room E: On Your Mark, Get Set, Read: Summer Reading Program Make Up Session
Suzy McGinley

VENDOR BREAK 10:30 - 11:00 am

Session 2: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Room B: Early Literacy Initiative
Mary Kay Bond
Room C: Benefits of Role Playing Games
Tim Sayre

Room D: Offer Exciting Summer Programs Using NASA Materials

Room E: Mobile Programming
Amy Smith and Stacy Spadaro

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Session 3: 1:15 – 2:15 pm
Room B: Minecraft in Libraries
Teddy Claypool

Room C: Teen and Tween Programs in Libraries
Carla Long and her teens

Room D: Make Mine a Mystery and Storywalks
Amy Stover

Room E: Nichole the Naturalist
Nichole Streets

Session 4: 2:20 – 3:00 pm
Room B: Children’s Roundtable

Session 5: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Room C: Unconference

Spring Fling 2016
April 7 – 8, 2016
Days Inn & Suites Sutton Flatwoods
350 Days Drive, Sutton, West Virginia 26601, US
Tel. 855-213-0582
YALSA’s 2016 Top Ten Lists

The Young Adult Library Service’s Association (YALSA) has released their 2016 Top Ten Lists. The following is a sampling of their selections. Please visit http://www.ala.org/yalsa/ for the complete selection.

2016 Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults


2016 Great Graphic Novels for Teens Top Ten

In addition to the full Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2016 list, the committee selected the following top ten titles:

- Awkward. By Svetlana Chmakova. Illus. by the author. Yen Press, $11.00, (9780316381307)
- Lumberjanes.
- Ms. Marvel.
- A Silent Voice.
- The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl.
2016 WVLA Membership Registration Form

Check One:  o New Member   o Renewal

Membership dues for **Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016**

**Personal Information:**
Title:  o Mr.  o Mrs.  o Ms.  o Miss  o Dr.

Last Name: ____________________________
First Name: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
City: _________ State: ________ Zip: _________

Home Phone: ____________________________
Work Phone: ____________________________ Fax: _______________

**Work Information:**
Position: ____________________________
Organization: ____________________________
Work Address: ____________________________
City: _________ State: ________ Zip: _________

Email: ____________________________

**Membership Divisions:**
Must mark at least one. One is free with membership. There is a $5 fee for each additional division joined. Choose from:
- Academic Libraries
- School Libraries
- Friends
- Public Libraries
- Special Libraries
- Trustees
- Interlibrary Loan & Reference
- Literacy
- Preservation
- Social Responsibilities
- Technical Services

**Roundtables:**
You may join two roundtables at no charge (see descriptions on website). There will be a $2 fee for each additional roundtable joined. Choose from:
- Children’s Services
- Digital Projects
- Directors
- Government Documents
- Foundation Center
- Conference
- Marketing
- Election
- Public Relations

**WVLA Committees:**
Indicate any committee service interests below. Appointments are for next member year and are subject to Association policies.
- Auditing
- Continuing Education/Scholarship
- Intellectual Freedom
- Legislative
- Nomination

**Dues Schedule: Check One**
- Full-Time Students, Retirees, Friends................. $15
- Trustees..................................................... $20
- Corporate (companies, institutions & organizations).... $100
- Life-Time Member ...................................... $400

**Library Personnel with Annual Salary of:**
- $0 to 9,999............................................. $15
- $10,000 to 14,999................................... $20
- $15,000 to 19,999................................. $25
- $20,000 to 24,999................................. $30
- $25,000 to 29,999................................. $35
- $30,000 to 34,999................................. $40
- $35,000 to 39,999................................. $45
- $40,000 to 44,999................................. $50
- $45,000 to 49,999................................. $55
- $50,000 and above............................... $60

**Dues:**

**Additional Division Fees:**

**Additional Roundtable Fees:**
I support EVERY MEMBER COUNTS – Please add my contribution to:

**Contributions:**
- JD Waggoner Scholarship/
- Continuing Education Fund
- Frederic J. Glazer Fund
- Legislative Support
- General Fund Contribution

**Total Contributions:**

**Total Amount Enclosed:**

**Method of Payment:**
Make checks or money orders payable to West Virginia Library Association.
- Check  o Money Order
- Mastercard  o Visa

Credit Card Number ____________________________

Exp. Date __________ Signature: _________________________

**I do not** want my name shared with vendors.

**I do not** want my name added to the WVLA LISTSERV (Email group for WVLA-related news and announcements)

**I do** want to receive a membership card.

**I do** want to receive WVLIBRARIES in electronic format only

**I do** want a paper ballot for elections

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Membership includes a subscription to “West Virginia Libraries,” all general mailings of the Association, and the right to vote. In order to retain voting privileges dues must be paid by July 31st. To take advantage of Spring Fling early bird special return membership forms and dues by February 15, 2016. Deadline for dues before Fall Conference is September 1st.
Let me begin by saying thank you to our longtime editor, Pam Coyle. For many years, Pam made *West Virginia Libraries* a thriving publication. We all hope she has a fabulous retirement and stays involved with West Virginia libraries.

Now please allow me to introduce myself; I am Jamie Bayne, Director of the Mountwest Community and Technical College Library and new editor for *West Virginia Libraries*. I am so pleased and grateful for the opportunity to work on this publication and hope to make it a vital link between all our state’s libraries. That being said, I cannot do it without YOU.

To continue to make *West Virginia Libraries* great, I need great content. Content that comes from all of you. Tell us about your libraries, share your tips and tricks, and send me pictures and stories! All submissions are welcome.

This year *West Virginia Libraries* embarks on a new endeavor. We are going completely online and open access. Thanks to the folks at Marshall University, *West Virginia Libraries* will be hosted on Marshall Digital Scholar and will be available to anyone, anywhere. As we work towards complete digitization, you may see a call for back issues of the publication. If you are able to help fill a need, it would be greatly appreciated.

A newsletter is nothing without connectivity and substance. As we open our publication to the world, we should make it something worth reading. Something to reflect the majesty that is West Virginia. I want to hear about ALL of your libraries: public, private, small, large, academic, special.

Newsletter deadlines are the 15th of the month before publication. Currently, *West Virginia Libraries* is published bimonthly six times per year in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

I look forward to working with many of you in the months and years to come. Please watch for calls for articles and share your stories with the rest of the state.

-Jamie Bayne

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Awards /Resolution Descriptions

Certificate of Merit for service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia.
The Dora Ruth Parks Award for long and outstanding service to libraries and librarianship.
Literary Merit for an outstanding publication or body of work. It has been the Association’s policy to present this award to a West Virginia author. However, exceptions may be made for contributions to Appalachian literature.
Frederic J. Glazer Library Innovation Award for demonstrated success in planning and execution of an innovative service, project, or program that has significantly impacted the patrons of the library. This award should recognize an innovation from the previous calendar year. Restriction: This award should not recognize individual accomplishments; honor routine operations, functions or programs or advance a particular agenda (political, religious, philosophical, etc.)
John D. Rockefeller, IV Award honoring legislators who have been responsible for the passage of legislation that has had a significant positive impact on the delivery of library services to the citizens of West Virginia.

Resolutions recognize significant contributions to libraries, and are especially appropriate for voicing appreciation of an individual’s dedication at his or her retirement or upon the individual’s death. Typically, resolutions mark the efforts of library staff, board members, volunteers, or Friends.

Please visit http://wvla.org/content.php?page=Awards_and_Scholarships for a complete description of awards and previous winners. Nominees from prior years are eligible for resubmission.

2016 Awards Nomination Form

Nomination is for the following award or resolution:
Certificate of Merit __________
Dora Ruth Parks Award __________
Literary Merit __________
Frederic J. Glazer Library Innovation Award __________
John D. Rockefeller, IV Award __________
Resolution __________

Nominee: __________________________________________
Name: ____________________________________________
Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________
Telephone: ________________________________  Email:______________________________

Nominator Information
Nominated by:____________________________________
Mailing Address:__________________________________
Telephone:_______________________________________ Email:________________________

Please submit one copy of this form along with your one-page nomination statement to West Virginia Library Association, c/o Jessica Tapia, West Virginia University Libraries, PO Box 6069, Morgantown, WV 26506 or email attachment to Jessica.Tapia@mail.wvu.edu.
Deadline for submission is May 31, 2016.

West Virginia Library Association 2016 Award/Resolution Nomination Statement Form
Please describe in one page or less why this person/library/program should receive an award or resolution. Please be specific and include examples detailing qualifications and other relevant information.
WVLA Executive Board Meeting  
North Bend State Park  
December 4, 2015

Attending: Emilee Seese, Gretchen Beach, Brian Raitz, Jamie Bayne, Judy Rule, Breanna Bowen, Megan Tarbett, Brenna Call, Melissa Brooks, Charles Bagley, Beth Royall, Majed Khader, Karen Goff, Joan Armbruster, Amy Stover, Jessica Tapia

Emilee called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The October board minutes stood as presented.

President’s Report, Emilee Seese: See attached report and conference evaluations.

Approval of contracts: Jessica Tapia for $700 in three installments, Olivia Bravo for $700 in three installments, Sam Love $5000 plus $300 for taxes, $100 honorarium per issue of WV Libraries. Beth moved to approve. Megan seconded. Motion passed.

Emilee presented a tentative list of committee appointments (see attached). Jane Levitan has agreed to be the Federal Relations Coordinator.

Megan moved to tentatively approve the committee appointments. Melissa seconded and motion passed.

1st Vice President, Gretchen Beach: (See report) Gretchen has a tentative list of appointments for the conference committee.

Treasurer’s Report, Brian: The assets were $91,920.69 at the end of the year. The site selection and Legislative committees went over budget, but they were approved by the board. Both conference and spring fling made money. Joan moved to approve checks 1098-1102, Beth seconded, and the motion passed. The treasurer’s report will be filed for audit. Beth moved that $8000 of 2015 profit to the scholarship fund. Melissa seconded, and motion passed.

New signature cards need to be made. Brian moves that Brenna Call serve as a signer for checks in place of the President or 1st Vice President. Beth seconded, and motion passed.

Budget: The budget is balanced. Revenue, subscriptions and advertising for WV Libraries have been removed since it is no longer being printed. Since WVLA moved to electronic renewals, funds for extra divisions, general funds, etc, has plummeted. Contributions should be advertised during conference registration and in the newsletter. The Academic Libraries Division has $1000 budgeted for their summer meeting. The Foundation Center roundtable doesn’t have a line item yet, but they have $200. The site selection committee has a slightly higher budget, since there was an overrun last year. Brian moves that we tentatively approve the budget. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President, Megan Tarbett: We currently have 613 members. Corporate membership is no longer an option, so Megan will remove it. Megan is planning to make some changes to the membership form. Online renewal will be encouraged. Jessica moved that members may not opt out of official emails, currently sent through Star Chapter. Melissa seconded, and motion passed. Members will be able to opt in to the listserv separately. Dues will be reviewed going forward.

Trustees Division, Charles Bagley: no report

Public Library Division, Amy Stover: Spring Fling will be April 4/7 -4/8, and the session proposal form will go out on Monday 12/7. Proposals are due 2/1, and the schedule should be done by end of February. The first day will include sessions of general interest, and the second day will focus on programming for Children’s Librarians. People should send programming ideas to Amy.

Friends Division, Joan Armbruster: no report

Academic Library Division, Melissa Brooks: The Academic Division’s Summer Meeting will be held on 7/22 at WVU Tech Beckley. The Technical Services and LIRT round tables will work together with the Academic Division for programing. A petition to create LIRT has been submitted to the Board. Melissa moved that a Library Instruction Round Table be created. Brenna seconded, and motion passed. Megan will add it to the membership form, and Melissa will think about writing a newsletter article.

Roundtable Representative, Brenna Call: (see report) Breanna Bowen has been nominated as chair elect for the Children’s Round Table. Morgan Paul is moving to Raleigh County.

ALA Councilor, Majed Khader: (See report) The new ALA president would like to encourage transforming libraries and is trying to change image of libraries by working with people who have damaged libraries. ALA will be surveying its chapters. Majed recommends encouraging people to apply for WVLA funding scholarships for ALA attendance. Perhaps the newsletter will be a good place to encourage this.

Federal Relations Coordinator, Jane Levitan (absent): Jane very recently agreed to be the Federal Relations Coordinator. National Legislative Day will be held May 2nd and 3rd and it is a good idea to have someone from each district.
SELA Representative, Breanna Bowen: SELA is excited about holding a joint conference. They'd like to know where the conference will be. There will be a joint programming committee. Breanna will see if she can get some documentation for how contracts for a joint conference will work.

WLVC, Karen Goff: (see report). $66,000 was cut from the budget. Arts and Education absorbed the cut for the WVLC. The $66,000 cut is likely to permanent. The budgetary outlook is looking pretty bad. However, vacancies at the WVLC will likely be able to be filled despite the hiring freeze. Karen encouraged people to make requests of the legislators for the CPPG money.

Legislative Committee, Ann Farr: Legislative day is Feb. 2. The committee is gearing up for Legislative day and the start of new session.

Judy Rule: Judy is coordinating Legislative day. They will be having a luncheon instead of a reception at the Great Hall. The lunch will be held from 12-2pm and it will cost $15.25/person + tax. Judy recommends the tickets be a flat rate of $20. The legislative goals remain the same for next year. (see attached). Brian moved that the board approve the 2016 legislative goals. Joan seconded, and the motion passed. Brian mentioned contacting other entities trying to allow for simple majorities to pass levies and asked about how the Board would feel about increasing the Homestead Exemption for property taxes.

Executive Aide Task Force, Ann Farr, Myra Ziegler: Ann and Myra recommend 1) Find or redo Handbook/Timeline that lists specific tasks or duties and dates for to do them including updated committee lists, etc. 2) Hire a part time executive director. See the attached job description. The position would involve 4-5 hours per week and pay $300/mo., up to $5000-$7000/year. The bylaws and handbook committees will need to review the bylaws to see how it could be incorporated. Jessica moved that the Bylaws and Handbook committee look at how this would be incorporated and for the Executive Aide Task Force to continue exploring the options and report back to the board by June. Megan seconded, and motion passed.

Site Selection Committee, Eva McGuire: The first option is in Bridgeport at the Wingate adjoining Conference Center. They have 316 rooms and 80 rooms at Microtel across the street. It will be tight for the vendors. Their new conference center was supposed to be available by 2016, but it’s likely to be done in 2017. Room rates are $100-120/night, and ballroom rental is $1250 per day. The ballroom is $250 per section, the lobby costs $400. Tables cost $20-40 for draping, and breaks will be $10/break/person. The plated dinner for the banquet will be $28/per person, and $75 for a cash bar. There is a last day discount. There is an airport nearby. Bridgeport cannot guarantee days until after the WVU football schedule is released, unless the conference is Monday-Wednesday.

The second option is the Greenbrier. Rooms would cost $300/night in October. To get a discount, the conference would need to be in December. In December, rooms will cost $200/night. There are two restaurants open for lunch. November may also be a possibility for lower costs and negotiation compared with October. The vendors would be in the bunker. There is a large banquet room for larger sessions, and food in the culinary section. The Eisenhower room foyer is a possibility for 25-30 vendors. The fee is waived in December, and there is a bed and breakfast rate. The number of presale rooms is dependent on size of conference. The question was raised about the Board and/or the membership voting to never have a conference at the Greenbrier again. Jessica will look into this.

Scholarship Committee, Gretchen Beach: $150 was raised from the 50/50 raffle at conference. (see report.)

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: Breanna mentioned that the length of the breaks at conference were good.