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‘Setting the Goals: The Future of West Virginia’s Libraries in the 21st Century’

**Tentative Schedule**
This schedule may still change before the conference; please check on the WVLA website for any additions or corrections [http://wvnms.wvnet.edu/~wvla]

**PRE-CONFERENCES:**
$15.00-$20.00 per participant (see Registration Form)

**Tuesday, October 15**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Repairing Library Materials (Part 1) - Audiovisual Repairs Kathy Kay, Audiovisual Library Assistant, Kanawha County Public Library

Plan on bringing your damaged AV materials with you to practice hands-on repairs. Due to the hands-on nature of this course, participation must be limited to 15 persons. Class size may be increased to 20 if there are ample assistants and demand.

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  “Speak Up! Improve Support for Your Library” - Charles Beard, Director of University Libraries at the University of West Georgia

Come and be inspired by nationally-recognized advocacy expert, Charles Beard, and gain practical hints and information in the following morning’s session with the assistance of Yvonne Farley (Director, National Mine Health & Safety Academy Library) and Barbara Winters (Dean of Libraries, Marshall University.) Incentives & Door Prizes!

8:00 - 8:15 p.m.  Refreshment Break for Pre-Conference participants only.

**Wednesday, October 16**

Pre-conferences continued

9:00 a.m. - noon  Repairing Library Materials (Part 2) - Book Repairs
Kresta Harris, Technical Services, Cabell County Public Library

Tired of sending books to the bindery? Attend this Basic Book Repair Course to learn how to perform practical repairs on damaged books. This class will be hands-on.

9:30 a.m. - noon  “Speak Up! Improve Support for Your Library” (Part 2)
Barbara Winters and Yvonne Farley will continue this workshop with Charles Beard.

**CONFERENCES:**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION TABLES OPEN

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  OPEN HOUSE
Craft Memorial Library Bookmobile

11:00 - 5:00 p.m.  EXHIBITS OPEN - Please be sure to visit the vendors!

Noon - 1:00 p.m.  REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT AREA

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Keynote Speaker: Jay Cole, Deputy Secretary, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Education and the Arts will speak on the value of libraries and their importance to West Virginia’s future.

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**WANTED**
Reporters and photographers to cover Fall Conference activities. If you will have a few minutes to report on a session or take some pictures for West Virginia Libraries, please contact Jennifer Soule at souleja@scpl.wvnet.edu. Your help could make our next issue the best post-conference edition ever!
A Message from the President

I re-read my previous presidential messages to see what I had already discussed and noticed a real pre-occupation with the weather. I must admit that I have spent the last two months planning the programs at the Fall Conference, and so my mind has been set on those three days in October. It has only been this week when I emailed off the Tentative Schedule to Julie Spiegler that I realized that it is mid-August, and somehow I have missed summer. Well, there are a few weeks left, and as soon as I hit the submit button on the State Statistical Report, finish my grants-in-aid form, and fill-out my wish list for construction funds, I intend to take a week off, watch a few movies and read some of these books that are stacked up. I hope everyone else’s summer has been restful, and that librarians and supporters are energized for the fall.

You should have received your conference registration packet by the time you read this. If not, just email me and I’ll see that you get one. The election ballots also hit the mailboxes in August, so please exercise your democratic right and vote. Let me remind you that the Public, Special and School Divisions will be electing officers at the conference. Ballots for the Academic Division were included in the mailings to their members. The Trustee Division votes every two years and this is an off year.

The conference is packed with programs of what is, undoubtedly, an eclectic mix. Last year’s conference had numerous programs on planning, but this one can only be called diverse. So please attend and learn how to repair books, speak up for your library, bring your collections up-to-date, use statistics to prove your worth, advocate for better salaries, move your audio-book collection to the next level, or provide programs for young adults. See, I said that it was diverse. And that is just a smattering of the nearly 40 programs.

Pipestem should be incredibly beautiful at conference time, so please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with other library supporters and discuss issues in such a scenic place. Besides would you want to miss a West Virginia style luau? I have my Hawaiian shirt all ready.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the members of the conference and the pre-conference committees for all their hard work. We may all whine about it at times, but being a part of the leadership of the West Virginia Library Association is a labor of love and devotion to libraries. So, many thanks from me, and undoubtedly, all those who will attend the conference.

Sharon R. Saye
President, WVLA
saye@bridgeportwv.com

People in the News

Yvonne Farley has accepted the directorship of the Library at the National Mine Health & Safety Academy in Beaver, WV. Yvonne leaves the Kanawha County Public Library where she has worked most recently as Reference Librarian.

Charlie Hively, longtime Reference Librarian at Clarksburg Public Library, has accepted the position of Reference Librarian at Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library. Charlie will complete his MLS at Clarion University soon.

Mary Horn has left the position of Director of the Boone County Public Library to accept a position with West Virginia State College as a Reference/Serials Librarian. She was previously Director at Mason County Public Library after working for the Kanawha County Public Library.

Jennifer Soule has accepted the position of Director at South Charleston Public Library. Prior to her move, she was the Adult Services Consultant with the West Virginia Library Commission.

Fred Spring of Clarksburg Public Library has been promoted to Assistant Director of that library.

Trish Tolliver will begin her position as Assistant Director at the Upshur County Public Library on September 16. Currently, she is the Dorsey Resource Center Director, and does research for the West Virginia Conference in the Methodist Collection located at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. She earned her MLIS degree from the University of South Carolina in 1995.

Three more libraries have named new directors in recent months. Brenda Hickman has been named the Director of the Gassaway Public Library. Linnea Kumher has been named the Director of the Hundred Public Library. Tammy Miller has been named the Director of the Cowen Public Library.
Proposed dues increase under consideration

West Virginia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
May 31, 2002

WVLA membership will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on a recommended change to the dues structure at the Conference in October. As per WVLA bylaws, the Treasurer, Steve Christo, recommended changes at the May 31, 2002, Executive Board meeting. After Christo presented a detailed report on the dues structure for associations in other states, the committee recommended an increase in dues for those members with annual salaries of $25,000 and up. Floyd Fullen, Chair of the Trustees Division, suggested that the Trustee rate also be raised to $20, having held at $15 for many years.

Julie Speigler moved that the Board present the new dues structure to the membership (see chart) with a raise in Trustees dues to $20, effective in 2003. Myra Ziegler seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously. After further discussion regarding the proposed membership drive aimed at K-12 teachers and school librarians, Monica Brooks moved and Myra Ziegler seconded a motion to modify the effective date of the dues increase to 2004. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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Book festivals set for Oct., Nov.

Don’t miss two great chances to meet well-known authors and hear all about reading, writing, publishing, and other bookish things. And tell your patrons, too, about the West Virginia Book Festival, October 11 and 12, at the Civic Center in Charleston, and the Ohio River Festival of Books, November 9, at the Civic Arena in Huntington.

The West Virginia Book Festival will feature Rick Bragg (All Over But the Shoutin’, Ava’s Man), Dorothy Allison (Bastard Out of Carolina), Sandra Belton (From Miss Ida’s Porch), and many others. Publishers will have books for sale, and Kanawha County Public Library will hold its annual book sale on site on Saturday. Storyteller Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald will present a storytelling workshop especially for librarians on Friday morning beginning at 9AM. To register, contact Rebecca Van Der Meer at 1-800-642-9021 (press 2 for Library Development). For more book festival information, see www.wvhumanities.org/bookfest or contact Kanawha County Public Library at 304-343-4646.

The Ohio River Festival of Books, a tri-state effort (West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky) will feature Allan Eckert, Silas House (Clay’s Quilt), Irene Brand (The Hills Are Calling), and romance star Linda Lael Miller, to name a few. This festival also will feature book sales and signings, as well as programs for all ages. For more information, see www.ohioriverbooks.org or contact the Cabell County Public Library at 304-528-5700.
Wednesday, October 16 - cont.

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  PROGRAMS

#1 Advocacy - Where It All Begins - Charles Beard, Director of University Libraries at the University of West Georgia

#2 Keeping the library relevant in a digital age: Redesigning library instruction - Amy E. Knapp, PhD, Coordinator, Library Instruction, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh

#3 Library Development Showcase - Karen Goff, Library Development Manager, and the staff of the W VLC

#4 Social Security/Audit Issues - Robin Righter, Deputy Social Security Administrator, and Lisa Thornburg, Deputy State Auditor, WV State Auditor’s Office

#5 West Virginia Book-Look - Mike Oldaker, Vandalia Books

3:45 - 4:15 p.m.  REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT AREA

4:15 - 5:45 p.m.  PROGRAMS:

#6 Writing Your Library’s History: Stalking the Wild Tale and Sorting Out the Truth - Dr. Charles A. Julian, Manager, Knowledge-Based Services/Intellectual Property, Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center, Wheeling Jesuit University

#7 Ohio Libraries Bring Their Patrons MORE - Carol Bradsher, MORE (Moving Ohio Resources Everywhere) Implementation Consultant

#8 Celebrations: A Holiday Book Fair - Terri McDougal, Head of Children’s Services, Kanawha County Public Library

#9 Training of Student Workers in Your Library - Judy Altis, Mountain State University Library

#10 Developing the Message for Better Salaries - Yvonne Farley, Director, National Mine Health & Safety Academy Library

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  LUAU ‘WEST VIRGINIA STYLE’  

Paid Event*

Thursday, October 17th

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.  REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT AREA

8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  EXHIBITS OPEN.  Please stop and visit our vendors!

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION TABLES OPEN

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  USER GROUP MEETINGS:

“A”: VTLS  
“B”: TLC  
“C”: ATHENA  
“D”: FOLLETT  
“E”: SIRSI

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  PROGRAMS:

#11 What to Check Before You Call the Tech - Kathy Wingfield, Tammy Richards, Jane Kraina, Technical Staff of the W VLC

#12 The Final Chapter: Closing the Book on a Bad Employee - Jimmie Epling, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Area Libraries

#13 Changing Spaces: Creating a Popular Reading Space in Your Library - Amy E. Knapp, PhD, Coordinator, Library Instruction, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh

#14 Audiobooks Reborn: New Faces, New Formats - Ross Ballard II - West Virginia audiobook publisher

#15 Health in the Library - Susan Hayden, Literacy Consultant, WVLC

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT AREA

11:00 a.m. - noon  PROGRAMS:

#16 The Care and Feeding of Guest Authors - Ed Davis, Novelist and Poet, Sinclair Community College, Ohio

#17 60 Sites in 60 Minutes: Internet Paths to Searching Success - Dr. Charles A. Julian, Manager, Knowledge-Based Services/Intellectual Property, Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center, Wheeling Jesuit University

#18 Use Statistics - Frances O’Brien, Dean, West Virginia University Libraries

#19 Diabetes Awareness - Peggy Adams, and Marie Gravley, WV Department of Health and Human Resources

#20 Reference/ILL roundtable (Questions and answers with Carol Bradsher of MORE)

#21 YA Programming with Panache - Jennifer Hubert, author of Reading Rants!  [http://tin.lib.mi.us/~amutch/jen]
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN/ TOUR
ATHENS & VISIT CONCORD
“Activity A”
COLLEGE’S “A Campus Beautiful”.
Catch the shuttle van at the main
entrance to travel down the mountain
to Athens and tour Concord College.

1:30 - 3:50 p.m.  Watch the 2001 Academy Award
Winner Best Picture: “A Beautiful Mind”.
“Activity B”
This movie is based on a true story
about Dr. John Nash, who is a West Vir-
ginia native from this area. Sponsored by
the Friends of the Princeton Public
Library, the movie will be shown FREE for
WVLA attendees and guests in Concord
College’s Fine Arts Theatre. Running
Time: 2 hrs. 16 minutes. RECEPTION
sponsored by CONCORD COLLEGE will
follow in the theatre’s lobby. Door Prizes!
Must be present to win!!

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  PROGRAMS

#22 Puppet Tales from Beatrix Potter - Linda Zimmer,
Professional puppeteer and play therapist

#23 You Know Your Collection’s Old When ... - Pam Coyle,
Director of the Martinsburg Public Library, and Linda
Heddinger, Children’s Librarian, South Charleston
Public Library

#24 Moving to a New Integrated Library System: Things
to Think About, Things to Do - Jane Hughes, Head of
Technical Services/Karen Arnett, Automation Manager,
Kanawha County Public Library

#25 Fabulous U.S. Federal Websites: We’re from the
Government and We’re Here to Help You - Dr. Majed
Khader, Government Documents Librarian, Marshall
University Library

#26 Teaching 101: some basic instruction and training
issues for librarians - Amy E. Knapp, PhD, Coordinator,
Library Instruction, University Library System, University
of Pittsburgh

#27 Statewide Interlibrary Loan Working Group Report -
Mary Hogue, Collection Development Consultant and
Karen Goff, Library Development Manager, WVLC

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  PROGRAMS

#28 Tips & Techniques to Increase Your Library’s Funding -
Beth Stefanowicz, School Library Media Coordinator,
Fairmont State College

#29 Webs of Diversity - Appalachia Wired - Monica Brooks,
Associate Dean of Libraries, Marshall University

#30 Librarian as Leader, Coach and Mentor - Dr. Lawrence
S. Cote, Associate Provost, Extension and Public Service
and Director, West Virginia Cooperative Extension
Service, WVU

“F” Literacy Roundtable meeting

#31 New West Virginia Films - Jamie Cope, Steve Fesen-
maier, B.J. Gudmundsson, Mike Lilly, and Ray Schmitt.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#32 “Dancing Outlaw” ten years later - Featuring Jacob
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“H” Academic
“I” School
“J” Special
“K” Trustees & Friends

5:10 - 6:00 p.m.  WVLA Roundtables:

“L” Director’s
“M” Preservation
“N” Automation
“O” Academic Directors
“P” Children’s
“Q” Reference
“R” WV Literature

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  SECOND GENERAL SESSION -
AWARDS/BANQUET* Guest Speaker - Bil Lepp
“Half Truths and Whole Lies”
Bil Lepp, five-time champion of the West Virginia Liars
Contest, will entertain you with his own brand of original
Appalachian Tall-Tales.

*Paid Event. (See Registration Form)

Friday, October 18

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Past President’s Breakfast -
Invitation only

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION TABLES OPEN

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT AREA

8:30 a.m. - NOON  EXHIBITS OPEN -
Last chance to visit our vendors!

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Friday, October 18 - cont.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  PROGRAMS

#33  Public Library Trustee Orientation – Karen Goff, Library Development Manager, WVLC

#34  Pay Equity in WV State Government – Erin Condo, PhD candidate in Rural Sociology at Pennsylvania State University and Kimberly Nolf who recently received her Masters of Public Administration from West Virginia University

#35  Adrift in the Age of Now: The Making and Meaning of Non Campus Mentis – Dr. Anders Henriksson, Professor of History and Chair of the History Department, Shepherd College

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  PROGRAMS

#36  Understanding Alzheimer’s and Helping Your Community – Nancy Cipoletti, Program Director, WV Chapter, Alzheimer’s Association

#37  LSTA 2002 and the Next Five Years – Karen Goff and J.D. Waggoner, West Virginia Library Commission

#38  WVLA Long-Range Planning Subcommittee Reports

#39  West Virginia Digital Library

11:10 a.m. - noon  THIRD GENERAL SESSION

GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS – Must be present to win!

12:10 p.m. -  WVLA Executive Board Meeting (Incoming and Outgoing Board members attend)

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WVLA Fall 2002
Conference Committee

PROGRAMMING:
Sharon Saye, President

PLANNING/LOGISTICS:
Julie Spiegler, First Vice-President (Chair)

EXHIBITORS:
Myra Ziegler, Second Vice-President

BUDGET:
Steve Christo, Treasurer

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:
Connie Clay, Princeton Public Library, Director

REGISTRATION:
Ann Farr, Greenbrier County Public Library, Director

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WVLA’s ‘Spring Fling’
March 26-27, 2003
Flatwoods Days Inn • Sutton, W.Va.
Grants available for public libraries

Looking for a grant? The WV Library Commission and some service centers subscribe to *Grants for Public Libraries*, which is published monthly. Listed below are a few of the grants that have open deadlines or have a deadline that allows enough time to prepare the grant.

### Lowe’s home improvement warehouse community relations

**Eligibility:** nonprofits in Lowe’s communities - Preference goes to projects that enhance the environment or improve the overall community.

**Deadline:** open

**Funds:** varies

**Contact:** local store manager


### USDA - for ‘essential community facilities’

**Eligibility:** public entities, nonprofits and Native American tribal governments

**Deadline:** open until the $19 million is exhausted

**Funds:** up to 75% of total project costs

**Contact:** state Rural Development office—http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html


### Oracle Help Us Help Foundation for computer equipment and software

**Eligibility:** K-12 schools and youth-serving nonprofits for economically challenged communities. U.S. nonprofits that serve low-income youth who lack access to technology and provide educational services are eligible.

**Deadline:** August 31, 2002 and February 28, 2003

**Funds:** Computer equipment and software

**Contact:** Oracle Help Us Help Foundation

C/O Oracle Corporation

500 Oracle Parkway OPL-B5

Redwood Shores, CA 94065

866-600-4357

e-mail: HelpUsHelp_us@oracle.com

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New WVLC secretary selected

West Virginia Library Commissioners selected J.D. Waggoner as Secretary of the Commission on August 9 after a year long search. Waggoner acted as Interim Secretary since the departure of previous Secretary, David Price, in July 2001.

Waggoner and Hulen Bivins, a Library Consultant from the Alabama Public Library, advanced to the final interview stage of the selection process, which took place at the Cultural Center in Charleston on August 9. Both answered two questions posed by Commissioners and a variety of questions posed by audience members during public presentations.

Waggoner has been employed by WVLC since 1971 serving in various positions throughout the agency. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1971 from the University of Charleston and later earned a Master’s in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

In speaking of the qualities he felt made him a good candidate for the position, Waggoner said he felt that as a lifelong West Virginian and a long-time employee of the Commission he has an investment here and that during his years with the WVLC, he has established relationships with librarians, library directors, trustees, political leaders, and staff.

As the new Secretary, Waggoner intends to make some organizational changes to streamline Commission operations and use staff most effectively, and he also hopes to work to make the Digital Library a reality.

After his selection, Waggoner stated, “I appreciate this opportunity and understand the importance of this position that affects the lives of all West Virginians through its services to libraries.”

Waggoner is a member of the American Library Association, and former president of the West Virginia Library Association.

Free storytelling workshop

On Friday, October 11, master storyteller, Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald, will present a workshop for librarians entitled “Playing with Story.” Sponsored by the West Virginia Center for the Book, the workshop takes place at the Charleston Civic Center from 9 to 11 AM as part of the West Virginia Book Festival. MacDonald will pass on some of her great audience-participation folktales, along with tips on story learning and performance. MacDonald is a folklorist (Ph.D., Indiana University), an author (30 books on folklore and storytelling), and a fulltime children’s librarian (King Co. Library System, Seattle). Learn more about Dr. MacDonald by visiting her website at www.storyteller.net/tellers/mreadmacdonald/.

To take part in this FREE continuing education opportunity, contact Rebecca Van Der Meer at the West Virginia Library Commission (vandermr@wlcl.lib.wv.us) to register. Space is limited. Register early.
A note from the editors

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