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A Year as Editor

Jamie Bayne

It is hard to believe that one year ago I had just accepted the position of editor for *West Virginia Libraries* and was preparing to attend my first board meeting. I truly had no idea what was in store for me. In the dark on my way to that board meeting, Google Maps managed to take me down a muddy, steep, dirt road that was nowhere near my destination and get my car stuck on an incline to doom. While waiting in the utter darkness and cold, with almost no cell signal, I began to question my decision. Was this beginning foreshadowing of things to come? Thankfully, I was eventually rescued and set on the right path and since then, things have been somewhat smoother.

As the newsletter was transitioning from paper to completely digital, my first task was to craft, from scratch, a new format. I wanted this to be right, to be fitting, to find a format that was easy to read on a screen or print.

I scoured countless online newsletters, trying to find the right fit. I finally gave up on finding a template that meshed with my idea of “Libraries” and created my own. I hope everyone agrees with my assessment that the newsletter works well in both worlds.

I want to take a minute to thank a few people. I am very grateful to Past Board President Beth Royall who fielded many of my questions and helped me find digital files which we needed to continue. Gretchen Beach, First Vice President, also has helped me tremendously. She worked countless hours to setup the digital home on Marshall Digital Scholar and digitize past issues of the newsletter for the archives. Emilee Seese, President, was also very patient with me as we both learned to navigate these waters together.

Although this year has not been ideal (four issues, instead of our preferred six), I think it has been a good start. I have been very blessed to learn more about WVLA as an organization and about our wonderful members and libraries. I have learned so much about what is happening in our state and it has made me even prouder to be a West Virginia Librarian.

I want to urge you to contribute to the newsletter. What you are doing in your libraries is vastly more interesting than anything I can come up. You are the change in your community, the driving forces that help individuals do anything and everything they need. Libraries are powerful entities; they bring about change, growth, economic stimulus, personal accomplishments, nearly every kind of person is affected by a library. Children, students, workers, caregivers, governments… each and every one touched by a librarian. Share what is going on in your library. Let others know what is working (or not working). Help one another continue to grow. Our state has a story to tell. Help me share it.

Thank you, I look forward to another year of helping to share your experiences.
The West Virginia Library Commission needs your help!

Reprinted from WVLC Library Lookout

WVLC is in the process of conducting a five-year evaluation of its implementation of the Library Services and Technology Act’s “Grants to States” program. This assessment is required by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in fulfillment of requirements under the Museum and Library Services Act. QualityMetrics, a library consulting firm, is working with WVLC to conduct our evaluation.

One of the methods that QualityMetrics is using to collect information from libraries throughout the state is a web-based survey. The survey will take you approximately 25 minutes to complete; however you can start the survey, and return to it at a later date if you don’t complete it in one sitting. **PLEASE help us by taking some time from your busy schedule to express your opinions and to share your ideas.**

Click on [this link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pMz-1t-L9c#action=share) to go to the survey. **Please note, this survey is intended for West Virginia Librarians and library staff only. Thank you for your help!**
**Game on! Playing in Professional Development at Gen Con**
Cate Weber
Youth Services Director, Vienna Public Library

*Gen Con* is the best four days in gaming. When you think of library professional development a gaming convention may not be the first thing that comes to mind, but the Wednesday before Gen Con opens is called Trade Day, and it is full of librarians, teachers, store owners, and other industry professionals sharing and learning information on gaming. I took the opportunity to check out Trade Day for the first time at Gen Con this year, and I had an amazing time! I met library personnel from around the country and learned how different libraries take different approaches to games and gaming.

Some of the highlights of Gen Con’s Trade Day included a session on how to have a game day at your library. The presenter, Gina Crowther from Orion Township Public Library, went through the process of presenting her idea to her board, getting financial support from administration, the care and keeping of games, and circulation. She also covered how she advertises her library’s game days and explains games to newbies. She then hosted a session with her husband (a high school teacher) on their collaboration to start a gaming partnership between her library and his high school. Their progress and participation are encouraging to me because they emulate the kind of programming I would like to see someday at my own library. Another fantastic session was from the makerspace in Chicago’s public libraries, YOUmedia. They have a strong focus on staff training and professional development to create positive programs and effective support for the services they offer. They have a YouTube channel that is full of staff training videos and patron stories that are definitely worth checking out.

Gen Con began Thursday morning. I had a fantastic time. I volunteered with one of my favorite game companies (Plaid Hat Games). Volunteering is a great way to get a complimentary badge if you can’t afford one. It also gave me the opportunity to hone my game teaching skills and talk to a lot of people who love games. I worked in their booth for 8 hours on Thursday and Friday, and then I got to do what I really came for: Play!

I played a giant version of the game King of Tokyo (a wonderful kid/family game). I competed in a tournament of The Resistance (great for teens), and tried out two different Star Trek bridge simulators (fantastic cooperative computer gaming). I walked through the Exhibit hall and tried not to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of games available. We are living in a golden era of tabletop gaming and there are some truly beautiful and amazing games out there. It can be a daunting task to weed through and find the best games, but there are tools to help! Check out the website Board Game Geek ([Boardgamegeek.com](http://Boardgamegeek.com)) for great lists and recommendations to get you started on the best games.
There are also excellent YouTubers that give reviews and explanations of rules. I got to meet the hosts of two of my favorite channels, Shut Up & Sit Down and Watch It Played. Watch It Played is exactly what it sounds like. They take you through the game’s components, its set-up, and demonstrate how the game is played. Shut Up & Sit Down does reviews of games and gives instruction on game play. The very popular game review channel the Dice Tower makes a ton of great videos and their reviews generally influence which games will be the most popular in a year. My personal favorite is called Starlit Citadel. Sadly, they no longer make videos, but their library is still up on their channel and the videos are useful if you are looking for quick explanations and reviews. I recommend any of those to give you an idea of what kinds of games are out there.

Gen Con 2016 was a wonderful experience. I gained a renewed energy for learning and playing games. I was reminded that games an engaging, stimulating, fun way to get people together. The challenge is getting people to sit down at the game table. There is an enormous community online, in game stores, and in libraries across the globe for people who are interested in learning more about gaming. Any person who wants to start a game program at their library need only look. The resources are there, and the games are waiting! For more information on gaming in your library, check out the ALA’s International Games Day page [http://igd.ala.org/](http://igd.ala.org/).
2016 WVLA Fall Conference

Conference Report
Pamela Thompson, Mason County Public Library
Conference Grant Recipient
As I enjoyed the drive to Daniels WV for the WVLA Conference at Glade Springs, I didn’t anticipate the wealth of knowledge that I would encounter. One Team, One Goal was this year’s theme at the Conference. I have been to many conferences but this one gave me more than I hoped for. As keynote speaker in the First General Session, Patrick Sweeney from EveryLibrary started speaking about presenting yourself to your community; I needed to hear this. Our libraries are only represented by the people who work there and their stories need told. He stated that we need to get out of our comfort zone and mix with our community to let them know about our libraries.

After leaving the first General Session I went into each session with the mindset that I would get out of my comfort zone and see what the conference held for me. I had met many librarians as I helped with registration and when going into each session I felt a change. From the sessions I attended to the ones I wish I could have attended it was truly a learning atmosphere for me. From “Maker Spaces on the Move” to the session “We is Greater Than Me” and all those attended in between, I took home very valuable information to share with the staff and to focus on letting our community share in this knowledge. So coming home with new friends and visiting old friends, it was a conference to remember. Much hard work is put into planning the conference and I encourage everyone to try to attend. I see changes along the way for Libraries in West Virginia and informing our communities, getting out of our comfort zones and moving forward are our goals….ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL!
Conference Experience
Donna Crocker, Morgan County Public Library Director
Conference Grant Recipient
Having recently attended the WVLA Fall Conference at the Resort at Glade Springs, I wanted to say a few things about my experience there.

First, I must say that the resort was absolutely beautiful; the rooms were clean and comfortable and the staff could not have been friendlier. Whoever is in charge of selecting locations for our conferences did a wonderful job. While it is a long distance from my library here in Berkeley Springs (way up in the Eastern Panhandle of WV!), the trip was well worth the drive.

It was wonderful to connect with old friends and make new connections while at the conference. I believe that this is one of the biggest reasons for West Virginia Librarians to attend conferences. Having a network with which you can connect and receive support when needed, and to be able to ask questions and toss around ideas is very worthwhile. Meeting with the vendors and getting ideas for new products and getting a glance into upcoming books is another good reason to attend. And, of course, the sessions give so much information and assistance for librarians. I was excited to attend the sessions and my only complaint would be that I could not attend all of them, as there were so many interesting subjects being discussed! The General Sessions were interesting and amusing also. I enjoyed the time spent with each of the speakers.

All in all, I would say that attending the 99th annual WVLA Fall Conference was a wonderful experience and I would encourage all West Virginia Librarians to join WVLA next year for the 100th Fall Conference, as I am sure there will be much to celebrate. I know that I will be there!

Feeling Festive?
Why not check out the digital collection of vintage Christmas cards available online from the Regional History Center at the West Virginia University Libraries. Featuring nearly 50 early 20th century cards, the collection is divided into six subsections: Old Man Winter; A Merry Christmas; Peace and Joy; Peace on Earth; Good Tidings; and Happy New Year. The collection can be viewed at https://lib.wvu.edu/collections/exhibits/cards/
West Virginia Library Association
Spring Fling
April 6 & 7, 2017
Summersville Arena and Conference Center
3 Armory Way
Summersville, WV 26651

Deadline for Submission: Monday – January 9, 2017

Session Proposal

You are invited to submit a session proposal for the 2017 WVLA Spring Fling. We will contact you in February regarding your proposal. I am very grateful for your proposals and suggestions for other topics are welcome. Call me if you wish to talk in more detail. My contact information is below.

Proposed Title for the Session: ________________________________

Description of the Session: (In the space below, please provide a 30-50 word description of the session, highlighting the program’s appeal to WVLA Spring Fling attendees. If your program is chosen, this description will be edited and used in the conference program.)

Intended Audience: (Circle one)
Academic  Public  School  Special  Trustee/Friend  All

Format of Program: (Circle one)
Single speaker  Panel presentation  Demonstration

Other (please explain):
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Circle any audiovisual/technology equipment needed for program:
Projector  Screen  Speakers

Laptop (list software required): ________________________________________________________________

Other: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Expected fees:
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Normal program fee: ________________________________________________________________

Other: (Please specify, i.e. travel expenses etc.)
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Are you going to be one of the presenters?  (Circle one)  Yes  No

Please fill out the following contact information for all presenters. If necessary attach an additional page to complete your listing.

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WVLA affiliation:  __________________________________________
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City, State, zip:  __________________________________________
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Are you willing to be the host/contact for this session?  (Circle one)  Yes  No

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### Membership Registration

**West Virginia Library Association - 2017**

**www.wvla.org**

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**Email:** Members will be added to WVLA’s e-mail list, unless requested not to be added on the next column.

**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
- Intellectual Freedom
- Legislative
- Nomination
- Auditing
- Continuing Education/Scholarship
- Conference
- Marketing
- Election
- Public Relations
- 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
- Library Instruction

**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
- Conference
- Marketing
- Election
- Public Relations

**Dues Schedule: Check One**

- Full-Time Students, Retirees, Friends: $15
- Trustees: $20
- 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:**

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**Additional Roundtable Fees:**

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

**Contributions:**

- JD Waggoner Scholarship/Continuing Education Fund
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**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 a paper ballot for elections

**Mail form and dues to:**

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Membership includes 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 March 1, 2017. Deadline for dues before Fall Conference is September 1st.
WVLA Executive Board Meeting  
Nutter Fort Public Library  
September 1, 2016

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

Emilee called the meeting to order at 10:37am.

Last month's meeting minutes—stand as presented.

President’s Report, Emilee Seese—Conference, program will be set soon, elections are proceeding. See report.

1st VP Report, Gretchen Beach—There will be a photo booth at conference. There is a hashtag ready, so people can take photos and share them for promotion purposes. There will be a basket raffle. If anyone would like to put together baskets, let Gretchen know. Jessica Tapia moved that the proceeds go to the Rainelle and Clendenin Public Libraries. Brenna seconded, and the motion passed. If you want anything in the registration bags, please let Gretchen know by September 23rd. She’s happy to print black and white documents for the bags. This includes reports and minutes for the conference.

Treasurer’s report, Brian Raitz—Everything looks good, and the association is within budget. The audit committee met, and their report is available. Brian moved money between checking and savings as needed to gain some interest and write checks. The portfolio is starting to come back up. Brian filed report for audit. Beth moved to approve check numbers 1133-1144. Jessica seconded, and motion passed.

2nd VP Report, Megan Tarbett—There are 398 members. This year is the year for a dues review. See report on dues from surrounding states. After much discussion, the board decided not to make any changes to the dues. The board may want to raise the lifetime membership rate in the future. The board discussed the WVLA Listserv. Jessica Tapia suggested that Olivia Bravo send new members to Penny Pugh every quarter, but that no one will be taken off unless requested. Jessica will check with Penny about getting a confirmation email when you send an email to the WVLA-list.

Division Reports:

Trustee Division, Charles Bagley (absent)—No report.

Public Library Division, Amy Stover—Public libraries have been overrun with books that people want to send to the Rainelle and Clendenin Public Libraries. They’d like to have information about how much time it will take before the libraries are up and running again. Karen Goff reports it will be months.

School Library Division, Suzie Martin (absent)—No report.

Friends Division, Joan Armbruster (absent)—No report.

Academic Library Division, Melissa Brooks—The academic division held a summer meeting at WVU Morgantown. Stephanie Masters presented on change management, and Lauren Rider from Penn State presented on teaching financial literacy. The
participants also toured the WVU Launch Lab.

Round table reports, Brenna Call—See report.

ALA Councilor’s Report, Majed Khader—More than 60 or 70 people attended the Chapter Relations Committee Meeting where Melissa Brooks and Majed presented about the flooding at WV libraries. Majed will need help completing the chapter report. Brian was able to fill in information about treasurer’s report. Emilee will look at the info for conference last year. Judy should be able to help with the legislative day/advocacy information.

Federal Relations Coordinator Report, Jane Levitan— No report.

SELA, Breanna Bowen—The SELA board had lots of questions about the flooding at their last meeting, including questions about book donations. The SELA conference this year is at the same time as the WVLA meeting. They would like WVLA to link to SELA on our website. Jessica Tapia will add this.

WVLC, Karen Goff—See report. Books a Million raised money for flooded libraries. Ebsco added Legal Info and Home Improvement databases to WV InfoDepot for libraries. Rainelle hopes to have one section open for fax copy services soon. Several board members moved out of state after being flooded out. Kanawha county has a bookmobile visiting Clendenin.

Newsletter, Jamie Bayne—The newsletter is being published by linking to the issue in Marshall Digital Scholar. Jamie wants to know what to do with old paper issues now that they are all available online. Jessica suggested sending one copy of each to her to put in the paper archives and recycle the rest.

Committee Reports—

Executive Director Task Force— Beth moved that the board appoint a selection committee, including Beth Royall, chairing, Gretchen Beach, Ann Farr, Myra Ziegler, and Megan Tarbett that has the authorization to revise and advertise the job position and make a recommendation to the board by the December meeting. Amy seconded, and motion passed.

Audit Committee—See report.

Scholarship and Continuing Education Committee— See Report. Jessica moves that we approve the committee’s recommendations related to continuing education and scholarship lifetime limits being separate. Beth seconded, and motion passed.

Awards—Jamie will talk to Eliot Parker about coming to Fall conference.

Adjourned 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Tapia
I Love My Librarian Award Winners Announced

Adapted From American Libraries

From nearly 1,100 nominations, 10 librarians were selected and honored as 2016’s I Love My Librarian Award winners from the American Library Association. Three academic, four public, and three school librarians comprised this year’s winners.

- Danielle S. Apfelbaum, Librarian II, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), Old Westbury, NY
- Andrea Bernard, Library Director, Tyler Memorial Library, Charlemont, MA
- Olga Valencia Cardenas, Youth Services Outreach Librarian, Stanislaus County Library, Modesto, CA
- Elissa Checov, Manager of Library services, Gwinnett Technical College/Gwinnett County Public Library, Lawrenceville, GA
- Kathryn Cole, School Librarian, Northside Elementary School, Chapel Hill, NC
- Tabatha “Tabby” Farney, Director of Web Services & Emerging Technologies, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)
- Sherri Ginsberg, Head Librarian, Hillsides Library, Pasadena, CA
- Lia Kharis Hillman, Fourth-floor Programming Manager, San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)
- Jamille Rogers, Media Specialist, Marguerite Vann Elementary School, Conway, AK
- Roosevelt Weeks Sr., Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, Houston Public Library (HPL)

For more information about the 2016 I Love My Librarian Award recipients, please visit ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Job Openings

Looking to expand your horizons? Check out the open positions for libraries from throughout the state at the West Virginia Library Commission


Upcoming Events

WVLA Executive Board Meeting
December 2, 2016 9:00 AM - 1 PM
Pipestem Resort State Park

Library Legislative Day
February 27, 2017 8:00-5:00 PM
Upper Rotunda of the Capitol,
Charleston, WV

WVLA Executive Board Meeting
March 23, 2017
Ritchie County Public Library

Spring Fling 2017
April 6 – April 7, 2017
Summersville, WV

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November 8 – November 10, 2017
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White Sulpher Springs, WV