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Hello all,

The link is up for the session proposal form for Annual Conference. You can find it at the following address: http://mds.marshall.edu/wvla_conference/.

The 101st Annual Conference of the WVLA will be held on November 7-9, 2018 at the Stonewall Resort and Conference Center, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV 26447.

You will be able to access and revise your proposal after it is submitted.

Our theme this year is, "Envision: Looking Forward to the next 100 years of innovation in WV Libraries" and we are seeking proposals for sessions that showcase how libraries and library staff are forward thinking, ever-changing and prepared to meet the challenges of the future. If you have any recommendations for groups, organizations, or performers you would like to see at this year’s conference, please email Brenna Call at brenna@viennapubliclibrary.org.

Presenters will be notified in early September regarding the status of their submissions.

Presenters should be available for scheduling at any time during the conference. It is not possible to guarantee any session or participant a particular day or time on the program.

NOTE: Individuals named in accepted proposals are not automatically registered for the conference. ALL conference attendees must register and pay the conference registration fee prior to attending the conference.

Please direct any questions regarding online session submissions to Gretchen Beach, beachg@marshall.edu and direct all general questions regarding the conference and or sessions to Brenna Call, brenna@viennapubliclibrary.org.

Thanks,

- Brenna Call, WVLA President
WVLA Executive Board 2018: Next Board Meeting: June 15, 10:30 am

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Conference Swag
Alexandra Eberle
Director, Brooke County Public Libraries
WVLA 2017 Continuing Education Grant Essay
March 22, 2018

Who else will admit with me that one of the reasons we go to conferences is for the swag and better yet, for the name badge ribbons? I can always tell kindred spirits when someone has a similar badge to me and/or one that I didn’t grab because I already had the conference version of military brass on my name badge. As much as I love getting the awesome items for my library, staff, and even myself – because let’s face it, everyone loves the coffee mug with the built-in spoon table – I am not talking about swag that adds a few pounds to our bags while we are packing up. No, I am talking about the swag that I (and hopefully many others) internally have when I am leaving a conference.

I remember when I took my position a few years ago that one of the requirements had been to attend both local and state level meetings. More importantly one of them noted that I needed to attend the state library association’s conferences as well. Obviously that is an exciting thing to read that your library is going to help you get to these types of amazing opportunities; but I never knew quite how much conferences would really mean to me. I think with every handing over of the keys, there are things that get left for a new director to take care of or sort through. Pair that with a complete newness to the position, staff issues that predated me, and a few other unforeseen issues that could have went south very quickly, conferences have helped me by meeting people in our field that had open doors in helping me succeed. There are things each year that might be similar, and I can see where some people say they can become stale if the right people are not moving it forward. But in all honesty, I am willing to relearn things as many times as I can to make sure that I am doing it right the first time and if I don’t complete it right, know where to go to improve.

Each time I drive away from a conference I typically am feeling two things: one is the deep-breath-turn-on-the-playlist-feeling long task of having to drive home as far as I do because let’s face it, nothing is central to the Northern Panhandle; and two, I am always leaving with a refreshed perspective which is my internal swag. We get bogged down on the day to day workload and pressure that we have to deal with in our jobs. We sometimes forget that while we are wading through the muck of life we are doing the job that makes us happy. I am a living breathing librarian and it is an amazing feeling. I remember I had been in my undergrad program for almost three years before I had my class for library internship where I had the realization that yes, this had been my goal and that I had been right about that goal. Less than a year later I was the Young Adult Librarian at the same library during my senior year of undergrad and was immersed even deeper into my goal knowing it was right.

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**Featured Local Library:**

**Morgantown Public Library**

The Morgantown Public Library is located in Morgantown, WV.

Find them online [here](#) or on [Facebook](#).

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**Today, I will fly**

*Story and pictures submitted by Jay Gummer*

Mo Williems’ Elephant and Piggie books were the genesis of reading for many children. On April 14, 2018, Elephant and Piggie chose the Morgantown Public Library as the venue for their party. The guest: the city of Morgantown. All families were invited to partake in festivities such as games and crafts. Our aim, through our programs, is for library visitors to see books alive and fall in love with reading.
Legislative Matters:

National Library Legislative Day was May 7-8! Learn about how it went here from American Libraries Magazine.

Library Appreciation Day 2019 is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019. Please mark your calendars!

Status Report: 2018 state legislation of interest to libraries.
(presented by WVLC Executive Secretary Karen Goff)

SB 152 - FY 2019 Budget- Signed by the Governor on 3/15/18- maintains state aid to public libraries, network support, and program support at the 2018 level and includes additional funding for employee raises. It does not include additional funding for Service Centers.

HB 2890 – Establishes a Library Facilities Improvement Fund- passed both the House and Senate is on the “Pending the Governor’s Signature”

HB 4006 – Eliminates the Cabinet Department of Education and the Arts of which the Library Commission is currently a part and places the Library Commission as an independent agency in the Executive branch. This bill was passed by the Legislature but is not yet on the list of bills pending signature.

2018 Legislative Accomplishments

The passage of 2890 after several years of it being introduced and then dying in committee was a definite accomplishment. The committee agreed that the next step is to seek facility funding from other sources than direct appropriation although direct appropriation may be a future goal. The role of the Facilities Survey Report completed by the Library Commission will support any discussions of need. The committee was pleased with the services of Rob Casto as the new WVLA lobbyist.

Update since report:

HB 2890, establishing a Library Facilities Improvement Fund was signed by the Governor on Tuesday, 3/20/2018 and goes into effect 5/31/2018. Although there is no actual money in the fund – yet, this is a long awaited beginning. Please be sure to thank your local legislators for their support. At the same time, remind them of your facility needs and ask them to support future requests for ways to deposit funds in that account. Meanwhile, WVLC will be working on developing the required rule for dispensing facility funding.
We are sad to announce the passing of retired librarian Ted Nesbitt.
Theodore Joseph Nesbitt   January 6, 1941 - March 28, 2018

Nesbitt, Theodore Joseph, 77, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, died Wednesday March 28, 2018 at home. Ted was a retired research librarian with the Moundsville Library and a Christian by faith. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Full obituary and online condolences may be made to the family at www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com.

This year's Spring Fling was a great success! We had presenters from around the state bring their ideas and accomplishments to Summersville, WV for two days of library learning and fun. Thanks to everyone who attended, presented, and helped make our conference excellent!

Our Build-a-Bridge Contest winners!
Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

2018 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference and Exhibition. The conference will take place on Thurs., June 21 through Tuesday, June 26 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, in New Orleans, LA. Details are available on https://2018.alaannual.org/

eCourse on Genealogical Research. If interested, eCourse date, cost and other details, please visit http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/04/new-iteration-genealogical-research-librarians-ecourse

The Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) online course on how to manage conflict. For cost, dates, course length, and other details please visit http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/04/llama-online-competency-course-teaches-how-manage-conflict-0

Scholarship, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

YALSA’s MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens. This award opportunity is to recognize a YALSA member for developing an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. Guidelines, criteria, and award details is available at http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/mae

Student Bridge Scholarship Program. Award application and details is available at http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/student

The Carnegie-Whitney Grant. The Carnegie-Whitney Grant awards up to $5000 for the preparation and publication of library resource guides including reading lists, indexes and other bibliographical and library aids. Proposals, guidelines, deadline, and other details related to the grant is available at http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiewhitney

Updates & General News


The Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS), an affiliate of the American Library Association, offers annual awards that recognize outstanding service, support for conference attendance, and the education of a student currently enrolled in a Library Science degree program. In particular, The Bernard Vavrek Scholarship provides $1000 to a library school student interested in outreach and bookmobile services.

Dr. Bernard Vavrek, Professor of Library Science and Chair of the Library Science Department at Clarion University, retired after teaching at Clarion from 1971-2008. He co-founded with John Philip the "Great American Bookmobile Conference," running it for many years until ABOS was formed and took over management of the conference. This scholarship honors Dr. Vavrek's profound commitment to librarianship.

The 2018 Conference will be held in Raleigh, NC from October 17-19, 2018. Please share information about our scholarship, awards and conference with your students and faculty. Information can be found at our website, http://abos-outreach.com/awards.

The application deadline for this year's awards is August 1 at 8 p.m. EST.

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I walked through campus knowing that grad school would be but a blip, and when it came and went it was bittersweet because yes it was change, but for me the time spent at college had given me the perspective I needed to know my intended career path was what I wanted- even though it took a few years to get back into a library. Conferences give me that clarity that I need sometimes to redirect my focus and drive. They help me become a better leader in order to support my staff that as a whole is an amazing group of supportive ladies. I am blessed with those who mostly surround me as this is not always a guarantee. It is no cushy job being a Director; well at least not for me because I am your HR department, your therapist, mechanic, engineer, and even sometimes a referee. Typically things always break when I am wearing a skirt and have to climb a ladder in my bare feet (or in the slippers I keep in my office) because I also had heels on. However, being able to meet with other librarians in other positions at events like conferences, really give you the ability to see what is out there. Connecting with others that might be in the same boat as you or implementing something that you wanted to do but hadn’t the time to research about it is fabulous. I feel that my staff always takes a deep breath to gear up after I arrive back from conferences because I always come back with something that we are going to tweak, implement, or scrap. It takes a village to keep a library going, and that village needs new ideas in order to move with the times to stay relevant. While my staff and I have awesome ideas, we don’t know it all and sometimes need help. We cannot do everything other libraries do, and I think it would not make each of us unique if we all had the same goals and plans. I enjoy being in a tri-state area where I have patrons who use libraries in two or three states. It shows that libraries are relevant and that patrons will travel to things that matter.

So when I leave a conference, I of course am taking that awesome swag of freebies home with me. More importantly, I am leaving with strong connections to other mentors, colleagues, and friends and a parade of ideas tucked away in my brain that I can bring back and discuss with my staff. The internal swag that I walk away with rejuvenates me and therefore I hope it keeps rejuvenating my library and its staff.
Roundtables and Divisions: What do these groups DO at WVLA?

This section will include current updates from one selected roundtable and division in an effort to further communication and involvement in our membership groups.

Division: Public Library
Chair Cate Weber

In what ways does the Public Library Division contribute to WVLA?

The Public Library Division is a conduit for those in public libraries in WVLA to organize events and opportunities for professional development and engagement in West Virginia. The Public Library Division Chair's primary function is to organize and execute Spring Fling, a conference held annually in early Spring which provides an opportunity for such professional development.

What goals are the Public Library Division currently working towards for the future?
The Public Library Division is focusing on engagement. Because Spring Fling is the primary function of the Public Library Division chair, the division itself does not collaborate as much as might be beneficial for members. In the future, it would be great for the Public Library Division to sponsor conference sessions and social opportunities for division members within WVLA.

Roundtable: Diversity/Equality
Chair Dr. Kelli Johnson

In what ways does the Diversity/Equality Roundtable contribute to WVLA?

(Dr Johnson, Chair):
The WVLA Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Roundtable is very new. Our hope is to continue conversations surrounding diversity, equality, and inclusion issues in libraries in the state and beyond. Recently these issues, particularly those surrounding the LGBTQ community, immigrant communities, and the issue of equal access to information. We hope to be a valuable addition to WVLA and to help support and further these conversations while bringing in experts and others to help us find ways to actively and effectively confront those issues.

(Lindsey Harper, member):
The aim of this roundtable is to provide meaningful discussion about Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI) amongst library professionals across the state. This is achieved through getting feedback from WVLA members about the successes and challenges in addressing issues regarding DEI within their own communities. These conversations will hopefully foster scholarship from WVLA members in the form of panel and conference presentations. Considering the fall conference theme, “Envision: Looking Forward to the next 100 years of innovation in WV Libraries”, I believe this roundtable will contribute to the advancement of WVLA as an organization that truly represents ALL of its members, and in turn, reflects the communities in which we (as LIS professionals) serve.

What goals are the Diversity/Equality Roundtable currently working towards for the future?
The members of the WVLA Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Roundtable will continue to plan programming at our conferences. This fall we hope to bring in a speaker. At Spring Fling, two of our members presented a dynamic session on micro aggressions in the library. The feedback I have received indicated that this session was very well received. In brief, the session focused on background and research (What is a micro aggression? How prevalent are micro aggressions in the library?), reviewed terminology, and then went on to discuss how to effectively address micro aggressions in your workplace. We hope that more WVLAers will propose and present on topics having to do with equality, diversity, and inclusion in their home libraries and in their communities.
The FY2019 Grants-In-Aid Forms have been posted. Please visit https://librarycommission.wv.gov/Librarian/Pages/Grants.aspx to download the forms.

Individual due dates are printed on each form. All forms are due to the Library Commission no later than June 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Johnson at 304-558-2041.

For the 13th consecutive year, the West Virginia Library Commission and West Virginia Center for the Book are sponsoring the state’s most important statewide discussion group: One Book One West Virginia. Each year, one book by an Appalachian author is selected for the program, and the 2018 selection is the debut novel by Karen Spears Zacharias, Mother of Rain.

In Mother of Rain, Zacharias writes about a small, close-knit, East Tennessee community as the Depression yields to World War II. Mother of Rain is an exploration of the nature of community in a rural setting and is the 2013 Weatherford Award winner for best novel in Southern Appalachian fiction.

One Book One West Virginia invites everyone across the state to read the same book and take part in detailed group conversations about the book’s unfolding storyline. Readers are urged to join book discussion groups and attend related events, such as meeting the author, character portrayals, movies, and workshops.

Make sure your library takes part in this great project and encourage your patrons to join the conversation on the WVLC Facebook page.

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- Don’t forget to renew your membership! Click here to renew (or join!) online.
- Find our conference website here!

Want more information? Visit our membership page.