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As we look forward to the 2018 Annual Conference of the West Virginia Library Conference to be held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke West Virginia, it is with great pleasure that I announce our guest speakers for the program this year.

Melissa Martin, PhD, will kick things off on Wednesday at our First General Session. Dr. Martin is a clinical child therapist with experience as a play therapist, adjunct professor, workshop leader and trainer, and behavioral health consultant. Her specializations include mental health trauma treatment, EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing), and expressive therapies. A self-syndicated newspaper columnist, she writes on children’s mental health issues and parenting. Her recently published children’s book, *Tessie Tames her Tongue*, puts a positive spin on children who talk too much while the main character, Tessie, learns to listen as much as she speaks. As Librarians, we all know children like Tessie and Dr. Martin’s message will be of interest to those people whose daily work puts them in contact with children like her.

Nancy Abrams, author of *The Climb from Salt Lick*, this year’s all conference read, published this year by West Virginia University Press, will talk about her book, a memoir of her years as a journalist in rural Preston County, West Virginia as the entertainment for this year’s annual conference banquet dinner on Thursday evening. Critics have called *The Climb* “sort of a reverse Hillbilly Elegy” and “a great corrective to ugly caricatures of Appalachia” but it’s also a personal, honest account of a particular place at a particular time. Nancy will read from *The Climb* and present a slideshow of her photographs from a recent exhibit at Rare Nest Gallery in Chicago. Grab a copy of *The Climb from Salt Lick* today and get your chance to read and discuss the story together with fellow attendees.

Our final speaker for this year’s conference will be Kathi Kromer, head of the ALA Washington office, who will give attendees the Washington update. As the 115th Congress comes to a close, this presentation will recap how ALA’s legislative priorities did this congressional session, and it will also cover what to expect on Capitol Hill in 2019. She will also talk about how you can get involved as an ALA advocate and make a difference in our year-round advocacy efforts.

I hope that you all can join us for this year and that you are looking as forward as I am to these great speakers and the information they have to share with us all.

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Next Board Meeting: Nov. 9, 1:15pm
Star Wars at the Library

When looking for a library to feature this month, I came across this story about the Marion County Public Library. They celebrated Star Wars Day (Oct. 1st) with an awesome themed program!

- Kaity Carson, editor WV Libraries

FAIRMONT — Darth Vader, move over. On Saturday, “Darth David” was ruling the galaxy at the Marion County Public Library in Fairmont. The four-year-old, dressed in costume as the Dark Lord of the Sith, was one of the many children and their families attending a Star Wars Day at the library. The child’s mother, Julia VanVolkenburg of Fairmont, said Darth Vader was her son’s favorite Star Wars character. “[David] likes the way he talks,” she said as the boy did his impression of Darth Vader’s voice. She got his Darth Vader costume from a neighbor. “He watches all the movies with his dad,” she said. VanVolkenburg said she likes to support the local library, and said Christian Cox - the youth services librarian - is “fantastic.”

‘Star Wars Day’ held at Marion County Public Library

*Story from Times West Virginian
by Eric Hrin Posted: Sept. 30, 2018

May the books be with you
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“We’re very lucky to have him,” VanVolkenburg said. The event gave children the opportunity to build a lightsaber out of construction paper and paper towel rolls, look for a hidden Porg (a character from the most recent “Star Wars” movie), and have fun with “Star Wars” activity sheets.

Veronica Fortney of Fairmont brought her son Peyton, 10, and daughter Breanna, 9. She said her kids were big “Star Wars” fans. Peyton, who found several hidden Porgs, said his favorite character was Chewbacca. He said he liked the action of the “Star Wars” movies. Erin Hager of Fairmont also attended the event with her children, Riley and Joel. “I think it’s really nice,” she said.

The Star Wars Day was held in advance of “Star Wars Reads.” Kicking off on Oct. 1, it’s an event celebrated by millions of “Star Wars” fans around the world, according to the “Star Wars” website. He noted the event promotes reading, as Star Wars books and comic books were put out on display for the children to read. Cox said Star Wars Day has been held previously at the library, and this time it was the biggest one yet. Early on, he estimated 60 to 65 people showed up. “It’s always a popular event,” Cox said, “because people like to come in and celebrate their love of the movies.”
**Legislative Matters:**

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

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**WVLA Fall Conference: Nov, 7-9, 2018**

Envision: Looking Forward to the next 100 years of innovation in WV Libraries

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*Click here to register online!*

Earlybird rate before October 12.

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Photo submitted by Bonnie Dwyer
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**Thursday Night Banquet Details:** ($45.00/plate)

**Speaker:**

**Dinner Options:**

*Regular Plate*—Stonewall Chicken; House garden salad; cornbread stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy; and green beans with fresh bread and dessert.

*Vegetarian/Gluten Free Plate*—Roasted Portobello Mushroom: House garden salad; Portobello mushroom caps topped with grilled squash and caramelized red onions in balsamic glaze; garlic whipped potato with fresh bread and dessert.

**Preliminary Program:**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**10:30am-6:00pm** Exhibit Hall Open

**11:00am-3:00pm** Registration Open

**1:00pm-1:20pm** Opening of Conference and Reading of Resolutions

**1:30pm – 2:20pm** General Session Speaker, Melissa Martin, Author of Tessie Tames Her Tongue

**Sessions**

**2:30pm-3:20pm**

S1. Library Funding Review Presented by Karen Goff, WVLC: West Virginia’s public libraries are funded from multiple sources. This session will give descriptions of all of them and explore some additional options. This session is intended for public library trustees, directors, staff, and supporters.

S2. Make a Difference! Mentor Teens in Your Community presented by Breana Bowen, Cabell Co. PL, Alexandra Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Beth Anderson, Burnsville PL: Learn how library staff from three different locations mentor teen interns and volunteers in their communities. Attendees will also hear about the presenters’ experiences taking part in PLA’s Inclusive Initiative program.

S3. Free to Students: An Alternative to Open Education Resources presented by John E. Adkins and Rebecca Newman, University of Charleston: This session describes a pilot project using e-book resources to make textbooks in our Organizational Leadership BA program free to students. The focus is on lessons learned and pitfalls to be avoided.

S4. PERS COMPASS Training presented by Alexandra L. Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Chris Barr, WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board: Most WV Libraries are a participating employer of PERS, but due to the lack of local training, libraries are often stuck watching webinars and are sometimes left with more questions than when they started. This session offers face to face training to hopefully answer such questions as: How do I do a retirement submission? How do I enter a new Employee? And, How do I update payroll dates?

**3:30pm-4:00pm** Afternoon Refreshments
S5. WVReads Meeting

4:00pm-4:30pm

S6. Hey, J-J-Jaded: Surviving Every Day Librarianship presented by Sarah E. Mollette: In this session, attendees will learn the factors involved in becoming jaded in the workplace, and learn tips and techniques for avoiding and overcoming this common workplace experience. Attendees will also likely come away from the session with the tune of the 2000’s Aerosmith song permanently stuck in their heads.

S7. Using Text Sets to Build Knowledge and Vocabulary presented by Tracy Komorowski, Marshall University/WVDE: Participants should leave the session with a deep understanding of the research behind the movement to close the achievement gap by building knowledge and vocabulary through reading around a topic. Participants will learn about the partnership between the WVLC and the WVDOE to build a text set lending library for teachers across the state. Local librarians will gain insight into the many ways that they can support this work thus impacting the achievement gap in their own communities.

S8. Serving Older Adults in the Library presented by Lisa Hechesky, WVLC: A brief overview of the new WVLC handbook for serving older adults in libraries. The presentation will go through the manual and highlight some of the programming and services within it.

4:45pm-5:20pm Roundtable Meetings (Director’s, Digital Services, Technical Services & Children’s)

5:30pm-6:20pm

S9. Libraries: Major Player in the 2020 Census presented by Janet Young Spry, U.S. Census Bureau: For the first time in history, households will be encouraged to submit their questionnaire online. Census employees must have an email address, and hiring and training will be done online. Neighborhood-based training sites are needed. Libraries may be a lifeline, and an opportunity to expose more patrons to the library.

S10. Ain’t Nobody Got Time for That: Time Management Tips for Busy Professionals presented by Brenna R. Call, Vienna PL: In this session attendees will hear about time management techniques used by the world’s most successful people and learn to incorporate practical techniques into their own busy schedules.

S11. NorLN Executive Board Meeting: All are welcome. The board will be finishing up discussion regarding Sierra Bundle items with very little new on the agenda.

6:30pm-7:50pm Dinner on Your Own

8:00pm-10:00pm Entertainment for the Evening:

Board Games Night with Snacks

Or

Documentary Film *I Know a Man...Ashley Bryan* (2016): directed by Richard Kane, is a powerful documentary film featuring one of America’s greatest living African American poets, illustrator and artist, named a Library Lion by the New York Public Library, a recipient of three Coretta Scott King Awards, and a 2017 Newbery Honor for his book: “Freedom Over Me” among many others. Born in Harlem in 1923 and drafted in his teens into an all-Black battalion in World War
II, Ashley preserved his humanity through drawing and painting. Now at 94, he is an award-winning poet/illustrator of 50+ published children's books, maker of magical puppets out of discarded materials and stunning sea glass windows inspired by his African heritage. Ashley urges us to seek unity over division, peace over war and love over intolerance.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

8:30am-5:30pm Exhibit Hall Open
8:30am-2:00pm Registration Open
7:30am-8:30am Breakfast Break

Sessions
8:30am-9:20am
S12. Clio

S13. It Takes a Village (Library) presented by Denise Norris, South Charleston Public Library: What role do public libraries play in supporting our communities through youth programs? Is your library actively facilitating partnerships with schools and other nonprofit organizations? Join us for a discussion and sharing session to explore best practices and protocols for youth programs that may be implemented to expand the impact of your library within your village.

S14. Open Access Institutional Repository: Maximizing Future Returns on Investment presented by Jingping Zhang & Larry Sheret: The Open Access Institutional Repository supports scholarships and research. To maximize the OAIR’s future return on learning and research investment, the following items should be considered: how to handle copyright, the value of an Open Access Publication Policy, How to implement OA journal publication, and the relationship between Open Access Resources and Open Education Resources.

S15. Trustee Q&A presented by Heather Campbell-Shock and Karen Goff, WVLC: Trustees, do you have a hot topic, burning question, or not sure the best way to proceed? This session is for you! Bring your list to this session to get answers!

9:30am-10:00am Roundtable Meetings (Foundation; Diversity, Equality & Inclusion; Government Documents; Literacy)
10:15am-11:30am
S16. Seriously, It’s in the Syllabus!: Teaching Faculty to Create a Graphic Syllabus Cover presented by Rebecca Newman and Anna Hughes, University of Charleston: Traditional Syllabi can be lengthy and cumbersome. The librarians at the University of Charleston provided an instructional session that allowed the faculty to create a syllabus cover that highlighted important points of their course with a new and refreshed look. The librarians will discuss their success with this program and highlight some useful features in Piktochart. If you would like to work with the software during the session, please bring your own laptop.

S17. It Tastes Like the Future to Me! MU Reads’ Book Tasting presented by Leeann Hesson, Tera Henry and Zana Sueme, Marshall University Libraries: Join MU Reads, a reading initiative at Marshall University, for a presentation/demonstration on hosting book tasting to suit any type of library. Books, yum! (No Books will be harmed in the process.)

S18. Non-Profit Board Orientation & Recruitment Best Practices presented by Alexandra Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Kathleen McDermott, McKinley Center for Wealth Services: Want to learn how to recruit and train your candidates to be productive
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members of the library board? Join Kathleen McDermott, Business Development Manager and Director of Nonprofit Advisory Services for the McKinley carter Wealth Services in Wheeling, WV, as she provides you Recruitment Matrix’s, and Orientation practices and checklists that could help your library board meet even greater potential during their terms.

S19. Ancestry DNA, A Primer on Genealogy DNA presented by Jim Miracle, Parkersburg and Wood Co. PL: An Introduction to Ancestry DNA and other DNA testing sites, with emphasis on Ancestry DNA website and how to use and navigate it for inclusion into your family research.

11:30am-12:50pm Past President’s Lunch or Lunch on Your Own

1:00pm-1:50pm

S20. RIPL Overview presented by Beth Anderson, Burnsville PL and Heather Campbell-Shock, WVLC: Data based strategic planning might sound intimidating but with information learned at RIPL events developing a data based strategic plan isn’t so bad.

S21. STEM Programs That Engage Youth on a Library Budget presented by Dana W. Phelps and Sarah V. Shewbridge, Martinsburg-Berkeley Co. PL: STEM programs are very popular with parents and children and introduce new ideas while bridging digital and socioeconomic gaps. Having offered weekly STEM programs for the past several years, we will share 10 awesome easy-to-do STEM programs that can be offered using everyday items and will be certain to spark the interest of your patrons.

S22. Family History using FamilySearch.org presented by Brent Nelson and Debbie Nelson, FamilySearch.org: Many people are interested in researching family history. This session is a demonstration of the software from FamilySearch.org, a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations.

S23. Employment Law Presentation presented by Alexandra Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Michelle Lee Dougherty: Employment Law is ever changing and for some librarians and boards, HR duties were not something learned in school or at a prior job. This session would go over some of the dos and don’ts of hiring, firing, documentation and much more.

2:00pm-2:50pm

S24. Envision More Grant Funding: Proposal Writing Basics presented by Penny Pugh and the Foundation Roundtable: This session will provide an introduction to successful grant proposal writing, including practical tips for drafting the statement of need, project description, evaluation, and sustainability sections. Participants will leave with a template to use for planning their own grant proposals and knowledge of additional resources available from the Foundation Center.


S26. Ethics Law Presentation presented by Alexandra Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Martin J. Wright, Jr., WV State Auditor’s Office: In this session, the presenter will do an overview of the WV Ethics Act. It will range from a brief history of how it came about, to the jurisdiction of who oversees it, and to the correct protocols for dealing with issues of gifts, office parties, nepotism, outside employment, and more.

S27. Making Mental Health a Priority: “Don’t Call Me Crazy,” the Marshall University Mental Health Initiative presented by Kacy Lovelace, Sarah Mollette and Michelle Alford, Marshall University: In partnership with other campus organizations, MU Libraries has undertaken an initiative to destigmatize mental wellness challenges so that our students, faculty and staff are empowered to resiliency through quality information and education. This presentation will discuss the implementation of the
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“Don’t Call Me Crazy” series at Marshall University.

3:00pm-3:30pm Afternoon Refreshments

3:30pm-4:20pm
S28. Building a Bibliographic Instruction PowerPoint for Millennials presented by Katy Zane: Academic libraries are educating a generation of students who value technology, ease of access, and digital materials. Academic librarians often are called upon to teach a class about how to use a library. This presentation will help librarians build a PowerPoint presentation that will appeal to Millennials.

S29. PLA Conference Overview presented by Beth Anderson, Burnsville PL and Stephanie Murphy, Elkins-Randolph Co. PL: Attendees of the 2018 PLA conference will give an overview of the conference, highlighting what we found to be the most helpful and educational.

S30. Open Meetings Act Presentation presented by Alexandra Eberle, Brooke Co. PL and Drew A. Proudfoot, Bowles Rice Attorneys at Law: The session will go over the Open Governmental Proceedings Act (Sunshine Law), as well as the setting of agendas. Any board member or director who oversees such meetings would be able to learn the dos and don’ts of both and ask questions.

S31. WV Archives & History presented by David Owens, Cabell Co. PL and Joe Geiger, Jr., WV Archive and History: An overview of the services offered by Archives and History: their collections and website.

4:30pm-5:20pm Division Meetings (Friends, School, Public, Academic, Trustees)

5:30pm-6:30pm Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar

6:30pm-8:30pm Banquet with Speaker Nancy L. Abrams, author of The Climb from Saltlick: a Memoir of Appalachia

8:30pm-10:00pm Entertainment for the Evening: Comedy Improv and Cash Bar

Friday, November 9, 2018

8:00am-11:00pm Exhibit Hall Open

8:00am-10:00pm Registration Open

7:30am – 8:30am All Conference Buffet

8:30am-9:00am WVLA Business Meeting and State of the State Report

9:00am-9:50am Final General Session Speaker, Kathi Kromer, Head of the ALA Washington Office

Sessions

10:00am-11:20am
S32. Supporting Patrons with Autism Spectrum Disorder: How to be an Ally presented by Hilary M. Adams, WV Autism Training Center, Marshall University: The WV Autism Training Center’s “Allies Project” wants to inform you on how to create a safe and accepting environment for library patrons with autism. As leaders in your community, you can promote understanding and acceptance of individuals with autism and develop skills to foster a welcoming atmosphere!
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S33. Imagination Library: What it is; what it does; How Libraries are involved presented by Karen Goff, WVLC: Lean more about Imagination Library and how libraries can help support this great program that provided thousands of books each mouth to registered children in participating communities throughout WV.

S34. We’ve Got You Covered: Library Access from Conception to Grave: Public, School, & Academic Library Collaboration: At the WVLA Academic Division Summer Refresher (2018), I held a group discussion about creating a collaboration between public, school, and academic libraries in WV. This will be a presentation on what we talked about in at the Summer Refresher and a short survey, and also an audience discussion on how we can create a collaborative library community to make sure that our patrons know they have lifelong access to libraries and all types of libraries have something to offer.

S35. IBBY Takes me Global: From Country Roads in West Virginia to the World presented by Zana Sueme, Isaac Willis Larison PhD, Lone Bodekaer, Tera Henry, Leeann Hesson, Marshall University Libraries: The presenters will demonstrate how internationally published books, by nature, are cross-cultural and vehicles that introduce children and young adults to the literary world. They will provide an example of the public library in Odense, Denmark and elaborate on how libraries are at the epicenter of change and progress in the world. Presenters will share program ideas.

11:30am-12:10pm Roundtable Meetings (Library Instruction, ILL/Reference, Social Responsibilities, Preservation)

12:20pm-1:10pm

S36. A Universe of Stories, 2019 Summer Reading presented by Lisa Hechesky, WVLC: 2019 offers a Universe of Stories for Summer Reading programs. This workshop will help blast off the theme and give ideas to make your library’s program fun and engaging for all.

S37. OERs: How the WVU Libraries are working to change the textbook culture at WVU presented by Hilary O. Fredette, and Martha O. Yancey: OERs are becoming part of the culture but how accepted are they among teaching faculty? This program will outline the work of the OER committee of the WVU Libraries and what we’ve offered to try to change minds, the responses from faculty, and what we see as the next steps.

S38. NorLN Circulation Meeting: Meeting for all Circulation Staff in the NorLN network.

S39. Local Libraries Play a VITA-L Role in Ending Poverty presented by William C. Pulliam, Internal Revenue Service and Jennifer Thacker, West Virginia Alliance for Sustainable Families: Several local libraries, in collaboration with West Virginia Alliance for Sustainable Families (WVASF), offer free tax preparation through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Learn how your library can help community members overcome poverty and help them avoid paying expensive filing fees to nation tax preparation companies.

1:15pm WVLA Executive Board Meeting & Lunch
News from ALA

Reported by Dr. Majed Khader, WVLA/ALA Chapter Councilor
As submitted at September WVLA Executive Board Meeting

Action Items and general news from ALA


Announcements, grants, and continuing education opportunities from ALA.


Build a Great Team Workshop. A new 90 minutes workshop session of a popular workshop titled Build a Great Team was announce by ALA Publishing eLearning Solutions. This workshop is scheduled on October 17 at 2:30 Eastern time zone. Details are available at http://www.al.org/news/member-news/2018/08/new-session-build-great-team-workshop


ALA’s Great Stories Club. ALA invites library professionals and their patrons to a free virtual event with Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, co-author and illustrator of the acclaimed graphic novel series March. The event is scheduled at 1:30 pm Central time ion Wednesday September 12. Details are available at http://www.al.org/news/member-news/2018/08/free-virtual-event-march-graphic-novel-creators-offered-part-ala-s-great-stories
Roundtables and Divisions:

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
As submitted at September WVLA Executive Board Meeting

Spring Fling Update: Spring Fling 2019 will take place April 4th and 5th at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa in Morgantown, WV. The current estimated total for the facility is $4,110.00. The resort has blocked off hotel rooms at a rate of $93 for the evenings of the 3rd and 4th. Beth Anderson (Public Library Division Chair Elect) has asked about providing projectors and laptops so I am looking for any suggestions. She has already been given Monica Brooks’ name and been told that the WVLC is a potential resource. Finally, she is hoping to work with Sarah Palfrey and the Morgantown Public Library to plan some fun evening activities on the 3rd and 4th.

Public Libraries at Fall Conference:
I did not get very much feedback about fall conference when I emailed the Public Library Division. If more Public Library sessions are needed, let me know and I can try to drum something up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cate Weber
Public Library Division Chair

Roundtable: Children’s
Chair Mary Hooper

1. In what ways does the Children’s Roundtable contribute to WVLA?
The WVLA Children’s Roundtable promotes the sharing of ideas, suggestions, and information on issues such as reference tools, family literacy and instilling the joy of reading in the children served by West Virginia Libraries. This group encourages the exchange of ideas about Children’s services in all types of libraries. The Children’s Roundtable provide sessions at conferences and meetings to help support these goals for all WVLA members.

2. What goals are the Children’s Roundtable currently working towards for the future?
The Children’s Roundtable is seeking to be more present and engaged in future WVLA meetings. We want to provide more sessions focused on Youth Services and idea sharing. The Children’s Roundtable wants to engage more Libraries and offer more tools, resources, and opportunities to all West Virginia Libraries to benefit our youth.

WVLA Announcements:

- **Student members**: Join ALA and WVLA for the low price of $42—now through August 31, 2019! Learn more [here](#).

- 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](#).
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Nominations for 2019 WVLC Awards Are Now Open

Nominations for the Library Commission’s Librarian of the Year and Librarian Champions awards are now being accepted.

Librarian of the Year will honor a single employee of a Public Library for his or her contributions to the library community in 2018. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a current employee of a West Virginia Public Library. Nominations are not limited to library directors!

The Library Champions award is designed to recognize individuals, such as Trustees, local officials, volunteers, and patrons, who have made exceptional contributions to Public Libraries in West Virginia in the past year. Up to 5 nominees will be selected to receive the award. Employees of libraries and current state and federal elected officials are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms for both Librarian of the Year and Library Champions are available on the Communication and Media Services page. Please be complete and thorough when completing the nomination narrative. Winners will be determined solely on the narrative you provide.

Consider your nominations carefully and help us recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to public libraries in the past year.

Upcoming Events:
Mark Your Calendars!

WVNLA Annual Conference
November 7-9, 2018
Stonewall Resort
940 Resort Drive
Roanoke, WV 26447