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President's Message:
Welcome to all new and returning members of WVLA! The theme I have picked for next year is “We’re All In This Together: Library Service for All.” With this theme, I encourage everyone to take this year and get involved—join two roundtables and be a part of your division meetings, create a presentation for conference on something awesome going on in your library, or simply ask a board member how to get involved in different ways.

I want to introduce our incoming Roundtable and Division Chairs for 2019, and our new Executive Board members on the next page. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have in your new role. WVLA members, feel free to contact anyone on our Executive Board should there be any questions you have about membership or if there is something we can help you with.

I look forward to working with you all and am excited at the prospects of new beginnings this year.

-Megan Tarbett, President 2019

2019 Roundtable Chairs:
Representative—Lisa Hechesky
Children’s—Denise Norris
Digital Services—Michelle Kubiak
Directors—Sarah Palfrey

Diversity/Equality—Kelli Johnson
Foundation Center—Rik Rikowski
Library Instruction—Heather Lauer
Technical Services—Michelle Kubiak

2019 Division Chairs:
Academic—Jamie Bayne
Public—Elizabeth “Beth” Anderson
Trustees—Jeanette Rowsey

Full list to be provided in the January 2019 issue!

- 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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Next Board Meeting: Dec. 7, 9:30am

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Brenna Call called the meeting to order at 11:26am.

No minutes from June 2018 were available.

**Brenna Call, President’s Report (see attached):** Brenna will follow up on when the room reservations need to be made by.; The executive board voted electronically to approve Jessica Tapia as secretary because of Suzie Martin’s resignation.  (See attached emails with motion and votes.)

**Megan Tarbett (absent), Vice President’s Report (see attached):** The deadline for membership in order to get the member rate for conference is October 5.  Early bird registration will close on October 12, and registration will close on October 26.  Electronic ballots need to go out before September 28th.

**Brian Raitz, Treasurer’s Report (see attached):** The treasurer’s report is filed for audit. Megan moved to approve checks number 1294-1301 and the motion passed. The audit committee report will be submitted soon.

**Megan Stanholtz, 2nd VP report (see attached):** Megan asked when expired members should be removed from Star Chapter, and the board agreed that they should be removed in December if they have been expired for two full years.

**Kelly Funkhouser, Executive Director:** Jay Gummer is working on registration form. The board decided the cost of a banquet ticket will be $45. WVLA needs to create a bid to find someone to create a new logo for the organization. The theme of the conference is “Moving Forward: WV libraries in the Next 100 Years.” There will be a buffet breakfast on Friday morning included in the cost of registration. Breana made a motion for Kelly to be the organization’s dropbox administrator and for her to come up with a plan for the board to review for procedures related to access and backups for Dropbox. David seconded, and the motion passed.

**Jeanette Rowsey, Trustee Division Chair:** See trustees report.

**School Division:** No report.

**Cate Weber, Public Library Division Chair (see attached):** Spring Fling 2018 will be at Lakeview in Morgantown on April 4-5. Beth Anderson is the chair-elect.

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WVLA Executive Board 2018:

Virginia Kline, Academic Library Division Chair (see attached): 27 people attended the summer refresher, and there was a $147 profit. The speaker was Stephanie McWilliams. Virginia is soliciting chair-elect nominees.

David Owens, Roundtable Representative (see attached): Two roundtables have been without chairs. Penny Pugh has agreed to chair the foundation roundtable. Lori Thompson might be willing to chair the preservation roundtable. The chairs will need to give reports at fall conference and hold elections.

Majed Khader (absent), ALA Councilor: See report.

Bonnie Dwire, Federal Relations Coordinator: No report, but Bonnie shared a nice photo from library folks visiting Shelley Moore Capito’s office. Her office recommends inviting legislators to events at the library.

Breana Bowen, SELA Rep: the SELA conference was in August. They still are happy with WV membership since many people joined at the joint conference last year. The fall conference will be in South Carolina.

Karen Goff, WVLC (see report): The Commission is considering asking for legislation to repeal the statewide document repository program.

Judy Rule, Legislative Committee: See legislative goals. Brian moved to approve the goals, Cate seconded, and the motion passed. There will be a reception on legislative day (February 4). The Rotunda is scheduled and Judy has a contract that will need to be signed for the Great Hall.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Election Committee: The ballots will be going out soon.

Kaity Carson, Newsletter/Marketing: Marketing will be trying to get rid of stuff at conference in anticipation of new logo. The next newsletter will be at the end of September. Brian suggested ordering generic “I love your library” stuff to sell.

PR/Management software: No report.

Jessica Tapia, Awards Committee: The awards and nomination form will be distributed with a due date of September 30th. Judy suggested having the resolutions read at the first general session rather at the awards banquet or the last session.

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 9, 2018 at Stonewall Resort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Tapia

Next Board Meeting: Dec. 6-7, 2018

North Bend State Park
202 North Bend Park Road
Cairo, WV 26337
Marshall University Libraries host 'Fallout 76' Party

Marshall Libraries, the College of Information Technology, digital humanities and the Marshall English Department came together to provide a successful party celebrating the Mountain-State inspired world in the popular “Fallout” role-playing video game. They brought together a large group of students inside the library, who may not have darkened their doors otherwise. The party was held the day after the game’s release, on Nov. 14th; the university's annual memorial day for the 1970 plane crash that killed 75 Marshall football players, coaches, staff, supporters, and flight crew. Interim Special Collections department head Lori Thompson said, in an interview for the Herald-Dispatch, “I think [...] one of the things that drew our staff and student’s to it [is that] we don’t really get to see our state represented positively very often, and certainly not in a very popular game. They could have chosen anywhere, and they chose us.” Certainly a wonderful game to celebrate among all the fans in your own library!
LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

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

LEGISLATIVE GOALS

1. OPEN & ACTIVE LIBRARIES

2019 Goals

State grant-in-aid and Library Commission Funding
Assistance from the Library Commission, including per capita Grants-in-aid enables all libraries to offer a consistent level of service. The West Virginia Library Association encourages the Legislature to at least maintain the current level of funding and to seriously consider increasing Grants-in Aid by $1.00 per capita.

Service Center Improvement
The current level of funding from the Library Commission to 13 Service Center libraries is inadequate, causing a strain on local resources and a reduction in much needed services to Affiliate libraries. Service Center libraries provide critical assistance in implementing Library Commission services and programs to the state’s many libraries without professional library staff. The West Virginia Library Association supports the Library Commission’s proposal for increase funding of the Services to Libraries item to enable awarding Service Center grants at $1.02 per capita.

Long-Term Goals

Dedicated funding for all public libraries. Libraries must have adequate, predictable, sustainable funding to provide the full range of services needed by West Virginians. West Virginia ranks fiftieth in total funding for public libraries and that is because the local funding is deficient in many cases. The West Virginia Library Association strongly supports legislation resulting in dedicated local funding for public libraries.

School libraries and certified librarians in every school. School libraries and school librarians are essential to quality education, but too few of the public schools in the state have at least a part-time Library Media Specialist. West Virginia students need school libraries in order to achieve.

Simple majority approval for all excess levies. Excess levies provide short-term predictable funding streams for approximately 1/3 of the 97 library systems in the state. However, the 60 percent majority required for passage of these and other levies is difficult. All excess levies should be on an equal footing and require a simple majority to pass. An amendment to the WV Constitution should be placed on the next state-wide ballot.
LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

LEGISLATIVE GOALS

2. SAFE & MODERN BUILDINGS

For 2019

Fund the Library Facilities Improvement Fund with $10,000,000.

Legislation establishing the Library Facilities Improvement Fund was enacted in the 2018 session. This complements a 2017 survey concerning the condition of public library facilities in the state that revealed many of West Virginia’s library facilities require major repairs and many others require extensive renovation or replacement. The 2017 Public Library Facility Assessment Survey estimated $56,000,000 in immediate facility needs in public libraries. The purposes of the Library Facilities Improvement Fund are to provide matching grants to public libraries for the improvement, expansion, or replacement facilities. Provide grants and loans to Public Libraries to support energy savings and critical life safety projects. The West Virginia Library Association supports the Library Commission’s proposal for funding at the $10,000,000 level.

3. ADEQUATE & AFFORDABLE BROADBAND

For 2019

West Virginia public libraries provide free public internet services to the communities that they serve. Although all of West Virginia’s libraries have broadband, in most cases it is inadequate for current use, let alone expanded use. In other cases, it is cost prohibitive. For this reason, the West Virginia Library Association supports legislation that will result in robust, high-speed, affordable broadband internet connections to all areas, individuals, private, and public sectors in the state.

WVLA FALL CONFERENCE: NOV, 7–9, 2018

Annual conference this year was focused on the continued advancements in our state libraries, with the theme “Envision: Looking forward to the next 100 years of Innovation in WV Libraries.” Sessions discussed original and inventive ways to continue to improve our libraries into the 21st century with programming, resources, marketing and more. Here are a few photos to share!

Traditional “passing of the gavel” (even when all you have is a magical unicorn) to the incoming WVLA President. Congrats Brenna on your successful 2018 Conference and best of luck Megan on your 2019 conference, appropriately themed: “We are all in this together.”
WVLA Fall Conference: Nov, 7-9, 2018

Crowd in hysterics with The Fearless Fools - West Virginia's Comedy Troupe

Congrats to author Nancy Abrams (left), the 2018 recipient of the WV Literary Merit Award!

Congrats to Dr. Monica Brooks from Marshall University Libraries, the 2018 recipient of the Dora Ruth Parks Award for long and outstanding service and librarianship in West Virginia!

Kathi Kromer from American Library Association presenting to the full conference. Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge.

Photos taken from the WVLA Facebook page, found here.
News from ALA

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits, Seattle, Washington, Friday February 9, 2018-Tuesday February 13, 2018. Early advance registration deadline is December 13, advance ends February 2nd. For more information, please visit https://2018.alamidwinter.org/

Preparing for the 116th Congress Webinar. Share Ideas and Resources for State and Local Advocacy, December 11, at 3:00:00 PM. Join ALA’s Advocacy and Public Policy team. To register, please visit https://ala.adobeconnect.com/e1brxcggi5nj/event/registration.html

Creating a Social Media Policy for Your Library Workshop, January 10, 2019, 2:30pm. Details are available at https://www.alastore.ala.org/content/creating-social-media-policy-your-library-workshop


Updates & General News

Youth Media Awards announcements. Sponsored by Baker & Taylr, The American Library Association will reveal the 2019 classics in children’s and young adult literature during its Youth Media Awards announcements at 8 a.m. PT, on Jan. 28, 2019, from Seattle, Washington. Live webcast of the event is at http://ala.unikron.com

ALA, GLBTRT continue to voice support of LGBTQ civil liberties. For details, please visit http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/11/ala-glbtrt-continue-voice-support-lgbtq-civil-liberties

Call for Proposals for 2019 ALA Annual Conference Poster Session. The 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition poster session committee invites everyone to share their best ideas and work with the library community by presenting a poster session at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, February 8, 2019. Details at https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp3/home.asp

Scholarship, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Complete list of ALA and its divisions grant and award info is available by visiting http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/. The following are examples of some upcoming opportunities.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards. Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply. Details and application information are available http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards/bookgrant

Larew Scholarship for Tuition Help. The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) and Baker & Taylor are accepting applications for the LITA/Christian (Chris) Larew Memorial Scholarship ($3,000 check and a citation). Application deadline is January 31, 2019. Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2019. Application form and information is available at http://www.ala.org/cfapps/scholarships/login/login.cfm


ALA, American Library Association
2019 Library Commission Awards

Nominations open through December 31, 2018

Librarian of the Year
The purpose of this award is to recognize and celebrate WV Public Librarians who have made exceptional contributions to the library community.

2019 Librarian of the Year Nomination Form

Library Champions
The purpose of this award is to recognize and celebrate living individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the support, improvement, and/or promotion of Public Libraries in WV.

2019 Library Champion Nomination Form

Upcoming Events:
Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Fling 2019
April 4 - 5, 2019
Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa
Morgantown, WV

Library Magic!
Working Smarter, Not Harder!

Thursday, April 4 - Public, Academic, & Special Libraries
Friday, April 5 - Youth Services & School Libraries

Legislative Day
February 4, 2019
WV State Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25305

2019 Annual Conference
October 16-18, 2019
Clarion Hotel
223 Lowe Drive
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