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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent grant-making agency and the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Under President Trump’s FY19 Budget, funding for the IMLS has been completely removed. The results of this loss in federal support would have devastating effects for libraries across the nation including those in West Virginia where libraries play a critical educational and economic role in communities, especially in those areas of WV that are experiencing high rates of unemployment, poverty and economic depression.

Between FY2011-2016 the IMLS provided $8,435,781 in grants and competitive awards to libraries and museums in WV. The vast majority of this funding directly supports projects improving patrons’ access to information, the bedrock of education, economic opportunity and civic engagement. The loss of this funding could have ripple effects that would be felt in our state for generations, and the lack of federal support for libraries sets a tone that permeates through our society, even to the local level.

Issues like this one often seem insurmountable and intimidating to us, but it is imperative that we as stewards of our profession act when necessary. Advocacy is not optional. If you will not stand up for your organization, then who will? Coming off the heels of a successful Library Appreciation Day at the WV State House, where soon after HB 2890/HB 440 The Library Facilities Improvement Fund, completed legislation and likely will soon become law, it is clear to me that our voice and our presence matter both on the federal level and at the state level.

If you are wondering how to help, participate in our annual Library Appreciation Day at the Capitol, but don’t wait another year to get started. Start now by getting to know your representatives, both state and federal; invite them to visit your library; research their stance on library and educational issues; write letters and make phone calls in support of pertinent bills or against bills that would harm us; make your talking points personal by sharing a real life story of how your library benefits your community; use the American Library Association Library Value Calculator to show your legislators the monetary value of the library to your community; Join WVLA at National Legislative Day in Washington D.C. (Contact Federal Relations Coordinator, Bonnie Dwire, dwireb@clark.lib.wv.us for more information). If you still don’t know where to start, pair up with a member of the WVLA Legislative Committee, chaired by Ann Farr (farrann@mail.lib.wv.us), who can act as a mentor for you.

If you do nothing, you will likely get nothing. But, if you continue to raise your voice there is always hope that we will keep libraries in the forefront of our legislator’s minds as a vital and necessary part of a healthy and thriving society.

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WVLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

WVLA Executive Board Minutes
December 15, 2017
North Bend State Park

President Brenna Call convened the meeting to order 9:35 a.m.

Introductions-
Brenna Call asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Those attending were Brenna Call, President; Megan Tarbett, 1st Vice President; Megan Shanaholtz, 2nd Vice President; Brian Raitz, Treasurer; Gretchen Beach, Immediate Past President; Cate Weber, Judy Rule, David Owens, Majed Khader, Breanna Bowen, Karen Goff, Lori Thompson, Virginia Kline, Kelly Funkhouser, Leigh Ann Hood, Charles Bagley and Suzie Martin, Secretary.

Approval of the November 2017 minutes
Hearing no objections, the meeting stands as presented.

Past President’s report
Gretchen Beach reported receiving numerous positive comments from conference attendees.

President’s report – Brenna Call
Conference evaluations: See attachment; Gretchen explained the spreadsheet and feedback. Overall the feedback was positive. Gretchen reported that the feedback rate was 25%, and the board discussed options for increasing feedback. Self-addressed envelopes and various online sites (Qualtrics, Google Forms, Survey Monkey) were suggested. Brian suggested a more expansive evaluation regarding accommodations. Suzie asked if perhaps school library programming could be scheduled on one day as a means of increasing involvement.

Conference 2018 update - Leslie Gillum is the contact person for our conference at Stonewall Jackson resort (November 6-9).

Approval of Contract for Kelly Funkhouser, Executive Director
Motion to approve contract made by Cate Weber. Megan Tarbett seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Approval of Contract for Kaitlyn Carson, WV Libraries Editor
Motion to approve contract made by Gretchen Beach. Cate Weber seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Approval of Committee Appointments
Judy suggested we need more diversity on the committees. She pointed out that 2020 and 2021 terms listed on the attachments should be 2019 and 2020. The committees were tentatively approved as presented pending final review at the March 9 meeting.

1st VP report – Megan Tarbett
Megan asked all board members to donate to the general fund and gave a starting donation to Treasurer Brian Raitz. Megan presented her conference committee. Brian suggested she needed more people to help with the food selection. The committee was tentatively approved as presented pending final review at the March 9 meeting.

Treasurer’s report – Brian Raitz
Brian explained the deficit on the spreadsheet. A check for the conference was issued on November 30, with money transferred from savings on December 1. The Association is in the black. The conference raised money, but not as much as budgeted. Conferences and Spring Fling are the major means of funding the association. Membership only accounts for $14,000. The Scholarship fund is spending much more than it takes in. Brian is submitting the financial accounts for audit.

Financial Reports
Check payment approval for checks 1239 to 1255 dated Nov.5 through December 9. The motion to approve was made by Cate and seconded by Megan Tarbett.

2018 Budget Discussion over budget for divisions; additions to division budget for trustees and schools $300 out of President’s budget. Other money could be available from President’s account. A new line item will need to be added for the new Diversity and Equality Roundtable. The President’s budget is $2200. Gretchen motioned that the budget should be tentatively approved as presented pending final review at the March 9 meeting. Cate seconded the motion, and the vote carried.

2nd VP Membership report – Megan Shanaholtz
Membership form
New roundtable (D&E) needs to be included on form
Kelly explained revised forms. She will update the online version to put the website.

Division Reports
Trustees – Charles Bagley in lieu of Jeanette Rowsey
School – Leigh Ann Hood
Public – Cate Weber Request for Proposals will available soon. A block of 60 rooms will be available for a conference rate; March 24 is the deadline for registration, which will open around January 8. The early bird registration deadline is March 9, and those who are members by March 23 will be eligible for the membership rate. Brian stated that honorariums must be approved. It was suggested Leigh Ann create promo for school librarians.

Academic - Virginia Kline
The Academic Division Summer Workshop will be held at Davis & Elkins; The Vice-Chair’s position is vacant, but Jamie Bayne agreed to be vice chair. Virginia questioned whether there should be an election.

Special & Friends - Inactive

Roundtable reports
David Owens will reach out to round table chairs to provide programming at conferences.

ALA Councilor report – Majed Khader
Majed will represent school libraries at ALA Mid-Winter. ALA is having problems finding an executive Director and has removed the requirement that the director have an MLS. Discussion over whether MLS is required. Brian asked if Council will file suit over Net Equality.

Federal Relations report - Bonnie Dwire
Bonnie reported that Library Days will be May 7&8; Her report mentioned the Net Neutrality was rolled back and asked the Board to call Senators to protest.

SELA Representative – Breana Bowen
SELA is in Birmingham in November; she read a resolution of appreciation from SELA for the success of conference.
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WV Library Commission
Karen Goff explained the Library Hero award to be presented on Legislative Day.

Committee & Task Force Reports
Legislative Committee – Judy Rule
Legislative Day (Monday, February 5, 2018) Ann Farr, Chair. Rotunda reserved for displays; Caterers have been contracted.

2018 Legislative Goals: Judy Rule distributed goals and asked executive board members to contact republican legislators. She explained service center libraries and the 20% overhead issue. Cate motioned to accept the goals, and David seconded. The motion carried.

Replacement Lobbyist for Sam Love; Rob Casto is recommended. Gretchen motioned to hire Rob Casto, and Megan Shanholtz provided the 2nd. The motion carried. The lobbyist fee is $5300.00.

Site Selection Committee – Emilee Seese/ Gretchen Beach/Brian Raitz: Brian reported that Huntington and the Eastern Panhandle possible locations for the 2019 conference.

Other - none.

Old Business
Report of Jewell Ayers Hearing: Brian gave background. Ann Farr represented us at the hearing. Judge ordered her to pay $50 to $100 per month. Beth Royall wrote the letter explaining WVLA’s history in this matter.

Addition of Electronic Votes (Hearing Letter, Awards)

New Business
Absorption of Website/Chapter Software duties into ex. director position.
Committee to look at new Chapter Software/Website Lori, Suzie Kelly Jessica, Megan Tarbett, Megan Shanholtz. Brian said chosen software should pass PCI compliance.

Standardization of Dates for Member Discounts and Early Bird Registration was discussed. Kelly proposed member discounts were for those who paid dues five weeks prior to all events; Early registration ends four weeks prior to an event.

ALA Joint Student Membership Partnership. Brenna asked Kelly to report on this in March.

Announcements
Next meeting – March 9, 2018 at 10:30a.m., at Putnam County Public Library, Hurricane, WV
Megan moved that the Executive Director sets standards for early registration, registration and membership privileges and will inform the executive board. Cate seconded.

Judy asked permission to recycle old stationery.

Brenna adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Look for minutes from the March 9th Ex. Bd. Meeting in the next newsletter!

Next Meeting:
June 15, 10:30 am

Photo submitted by Lori Thompson
Featured Local Library:

Hampshire County Public Library

The Hampshire County Public Library is located in Romney, WV. Find them online here or on Facebook!

HCAC Spring Fine Arts Show @ HCPL

Story and pictures submitted by Megan Shanholtz

The Hampshire County Arts Council held their annual Spring Fine Arts Show on the balcony of the Hampshire County Public Library. This year, the event was held March 3-24, with a reception open to the public on March 9. There are a total of 72 art pieces on display, all works by local artists. Exhibit pieces were judged by Dot Procter of Bethesda, MD. And in a new move this year, the Arts Council allotted a section for works made by attendees of the Hampshire County Special Services Center.

The Hampshire County Public Library was also founded to be an art center for the community. So collaborating with the Arts Council and holding art-related programs helps fulfill that goal. However, it also allows our patrons to easily access art and provides local artists with another venue to display their work. Next month we will be holding an art show sponsored by our local schools and containing work made by students.
Legislative Matters: National Library Legislative Day

National Library Legislative Day is coming up! I asked Bonnie Dwire, WVLA’s Federal Relations Coordinator, some questions to give us a better picture of what happens at National Legislative Day and why it is so important to our organization.

Follow this link to learn more, including how to participate at home!

What is National Library Legislative Day?

National Library Legislative Day is held by the American Library Association at the beginning of May. This year it is being held on May 7-8, 2018. ALA holds a briefing day on May 7. They have speakers that address the issues facing our libraries and discuss talking points that we need to bring up in our meetings with our legislators. We also receive handouts to distribute in our meetings with all the talking points. On the evening of May 7, a reception is held for everyone to attend. It is very much like the reception we have for WV Legislative Day in Charleston, WV. May 8, is a day that representatives from every state library organizations come to Washington DC and visit our individual state representatives in the federal government. We use the time to educate them about the importance of libraries to our communities and share stories and examples of all the services that we offer their constituents. West Virginia has been very fortunate that we always have at least one, most times more of our representatives show up for the scheduled meeting we have with them. It might only be for a few minutes, but in an ALA briefing meeting, I was amazed when the President of ALA jokingly said “We all know you only get to meet office staff in these meetings.” Last year, we had three of our legislators appear in our meetings that day. So kudos to West Virginia Libraries for having that happen.

Why is it important that WVLA is represented?

We serve as a reminder that libraries are a vital part of their communities. We let them know that we are providing important services in their communities which is helping their state and district grow and prosper. It is easy to forget and underestimate the need for libraries, if we do not put ourselves in their line of sight and tell our stories.

How has attending helped you as the Federal Relations Coordinator for WVLA?

I am constantly learning about the Legislative process and about the time and effort it takes to keep our legislators aware of how legislation is going to affect WV libraries. National Legislative Day is a wonderful experience and it has taught me to make those calls or send those emails when it looks like legislation that is not helpful to libraries is coming up. I have learned that someone does look at the emails or hear your call. You can make a difference if you take the time to contact our legislators. A few minutes to add your opinion to the mix might sway that vote.
Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

**ALA Annual Conference.** ALA’s 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibition will take place June 21 - 26, 2018 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. Learn more [here](#).

**Sign Language for Children in Storytime or in the Classroom: A Practical Guide- eCourse.** Details are available [here](#).

**Web Design Basics for Librarians eCourse.** ALA Publishing eLearning Solutions announces a new iteration of a popular eCourse. Details are available [here](#).

**Music Reference Skills for Every Librarian- eCourse.** Details are available [here](#).

Updates & General News

**Your guide to the 2018 ALA elections.** This guide contains useful information about the 2018 elections including information about candidates. Polls opened at 9 a.m. CDT on March 12, 2018 and will close on Wednesday, April 4 at 11:59 p.m. CDT. For details, [click here](#).

**ALA Dues. Adjustment of dues will be placed on the spring 2018 ALA ballot for membership approval.** If approved by the membership, personal member dues in September 2018 would be adjusted between $1 and $5, depending upon the membership type.

**Florida Senate Bill 7026.** ALA and AASL presidents released a joint statement on the position of these two organizations regarding FSB 7026. Part of the stamen reads, “While we are all too aware of the gun violence that affects the communities that we serve, including our schools, we do not believe that allowing the arming of school librarians with guns is the answer to preventing violence and mass shootings.” The full text of the statement is available [here](#).

**Polls now open in 2018 PLA Board Election.** Voting deadline is April 4th. Details by visiting [here](#).

**2018 ALA Midwinter.** ALA hosted its 2018 Midwinter Meeting in Denver, CO. The conference was attended by more than 8,000 librarians, library workers, and library supporters, including more than 2,600 U.S. exhibitors

**Need your help! #FundLibraries Campaign.** Frequently, a call for action to contact your Reps in Congress to vote for an issue in support of a library matter like this one (fund libraries Campaign) is issued. It is very simple to act. You need to click this [link](#) and enter your personal info. Also remember to help ALA spread the word by asking your contacts from family members and friends to do the same.

**ALA gets ready to launch the new ALA Connect on April 25** The new ALA Connect will bring new features and updates to members’ online collaborative space for networking, learning, growing, and engaging on a variety of topics of interest. Details are available [here](#).

**Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction Notable Lists.** At 2018 Midwinter in Denver, The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) released its first Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction Notable Lists. The annotated Lists are designed to assist children, their parents, and librarians in selecting books that use (future) science and technology rather than fantasy or magic. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

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/](http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/). The following are examples of some upcoming opportunities.

**The Great American Read grants for public libraries.** Grant opportunity to host program around the PBS series “The Great American Read.” Deadline and details are available by visiting this [link](#).

**Diversity Research Grant.** Grant deadline, application instruction, eligibility and other useful information is available [here](#).

**Young Adult Services Symposium Stipend.** For application information and deadline, Please visit this [link](#).
West Virginia Library Association presents...

SPRING FLING 2018

Bridging the Divide:
Linking Your Library to West Virginia and the World

SUMMERSVILLE, WV  APRIL 5th AND 6th

Join fellow West Virginia library employees, friends, advocates and stakeholders for two days of sessions at the Summersville Arena & Conference Center in Summersville, WV.

Thursday’s sessions include something for everyone in WV libraries and cover topics such as programming, senior services, technology, genealogy, research, literature, and state library procedures.

Friday’s sessions are geared to youth programming and academic libraries. Friday is a great opportunity to get ideas and support for your Summer Reading Program!
The Summersville area of West Virginia is home to beautiful Summersville Lake. It is a 25 minute drive to the New River Gorge Bridge and 30 minutes to quirky, adventurous Fayetteville. There are numerous state parks nearby, including Babcock State Park, home of the famous Glade Creek Grist Mill, one of the most photographed locations in the state! The Farmer’s Almanac predicts the weather will be sunny, with occasional rain, on April 5th and 6th in Summersville. Bring a jacket and a sense of adventure and join our conference in this beautiful part of West Virginia!

**THURSDAY**

*Where the Wild Things Are*
7:00 pm @ Maloney’s Pub & Grill
Join your fellow library folk for food, drink, and trivia fun! Email virginia.kline@mail.wvu.edu for info!

*Where the Wild Things Aren’t*
7:30 pm @ The Quality Inn Meeting Room
Meet with other conference attendees to unwind and talk. BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug) for tea. Light snacks will be available. (This room will be open to conference attendees all afternoon and evening.)

**FRIDAY**

*Summersville Lake Hike @ 7:00 am*
Summersville Lake is a 10 minute drive from the hotel. Use “Co Rte 19/32, Mt Lookout, WV 26678” in your GPS to find the trailhead. If you plan to hike, email cate@viennapubliclibrary.org.

*Bridge Building Contest*
From registration opening Thursday till NOON ON FRIDAY, build a bridge in the arena using simple materials. Conference attendees will vote for their favorite bridge. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! (Prizes will be mailed if you are only attending Thursday).

*** Full conference and session schedule in the following pages! ***
Thursday, April 5

Registration (8:30 – 11:00 am)

Session 1 (9:00 – 10:00 am)

YALSA Symposium 2017 Recap
Megan Tarbett and Leslie Galvan, Putnam County Library
Megan and Leslie attended the annual YALSA Symposium. They had a great time and learned a lot; and will share the fun and knowledge with you!

Creating Inclusive Library Environments
Jasmyne Lewis-Combs, Digital Access Librarian, WVLC Special Services
Serving patrons with disabilities often seems overwhelming to staff. This session seeks to inform about disabilities, ADA, and special library services available for patrons with disabilities.

37$ Computers
Robert Davis, Cabell County Public Library
For $37 you can buy a computer which patrons can use to browse the internet, check their email, type up a resume, watch videos on YouTube, check their Facebook, or even learn how to code. We’ll teach you how!

“Survey Says!” Results from 2018 WVLA Trustees Division Survey
Jeanette Rowsey, WVLA Trustees Division Chair
What do West Virginia’s public library trustees need for the betterment of the libraries they serve? What are the best vehicles for trustee information-sharing and board development? Survey findings will be presented, followed by group discussion of their implications for future support and communications.

Session 2 (10:15 – 11:15 am)

Small & Rural Programs
Megan Shanholm, Director, Hampshire County Public Library
I would like to give a brief preview of how my library adapts programming that bigger libraries are providing; how we choose programming with our community in mind; and how we attempt to use programming to make ourselves valuable to the community. I would also like to have a portion of the session available for other librarians to share programming that has been highly successful at their libraries.

No you cannot touch my hair!: Microaggressions in the library workplace.
Kelli Johnson, Associate University Librarian, Marshall University, Lori Thompson, Archivist and Digital Preservation Librarian, Lindsey M. Harper, Hoffman Library Assistant
In this session, we will discuss microaggressions in the workplace focusing on: the background and terminology of microaggressions; the examination of current research regarding librarianship, diversity, and microaggressions; and, strategies to empower yourself and your co-workers to confront and reject microaggressions in the workplace.

Voluntary Certification Program
Heather Campbell Shock, Director of Library Development Services, West Virginia Library Commission
Launch of the WVLC sponsored Voluntary Certification Program will explain the target audience, the step program, the provided resources, the hour tracking, the internal expectations and the recertification process.

Teen Spaces
Brenna Call, Director, Vienna Public Library

Session 3 (12:45 – 1:45 pm)

Seniors with Children
Dr. Brenda Wamsley, Professor & Chair, Department of Social Work, West Virginia State University and Bonita Dunn, Family and Consumer Sciences Specialist, West Virginia State University
There is a growing population of seniors raising their grandchildren, or assisting in their childcare, in West Virginia. Get ideas and more information for providing services to this unique, expanding population.

Climbing a Family Tree Scares Me: A Roundtable Discussion on Genealogy
Jim Miracle, Genealogist, Wood County Public Library
Join Jim for a discussion on genealogy in the library. Bring questions, situations, and stories to this discussion on how to help patrons and answer questions in genealogy.

#SMFYCBL (Social Media for Your Crazy Busy Library)
Stephanie L. Murphy, Director, Elkins-Randolph County Public Library
How to use social media to promote events, gain attention, create conversations, and increase attendance without being online 24/7. Learn library specific tools and techniques to target your community and garner support for your library #jsyk (just so you know).

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Building a Better Summer Library Program
Denise Norris, Youth Services Librarian, South Charleston Public Library
The South Charleston Public Library launched the 2017 summer library program season with an all-new Youth Services team. To quote many famous leaders, exceeding our rather ambitious goal of 400 readers, while generating a renewed we “planned our work and worked our plan” and ended up exceeding our rather ambitious goal of 400 readers, while generating a renewed excitement in the community about reading and the library. This session will include a retrospective of 2017, and an overview of lessons learned along the way to (fingers crossed!) make 2018 even better for our young readers.

Roundtables (2:00 – 2:30 pm)

Vendors & Snacks (2:00 – 2:45 pm)

Session 4 (3:00 – 4:00 pm)

Reading West Virginia: A Literary Trek Through the Mountain State
Lisa Hechesky, Research Librarian, WVLC
Reading West Virginia is a new exciting collection offered by the WV Library Commission. This workshop will introduce everyone to the new program, what it offers, how to use it, and how to request it for your community.

Anyone Can Provide Meaningful Programs
Beth Anderson, Director, Burnsville Public Library
This presentation will show that no matter how small your library, you can still provide meaningful afterschool programs and other activities. Burnsville Public Library has 1.03 employees, but we provide a wide range of programs every year.

Tech Support
Tammy Richards & Tina Snyder. Network Services, WVLC
What can you do at your library before you call your technician? No one likes waiting on a ticket, so find out what you can do to troubleshoot tech problems.

Students and Research Needs
Cathleen Dillen, Instructor of Nursing, MS, RN-BC, OCN, Penn State & Alessia Zanin-Yost, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Penn State
This presentation will illustrate how decreasing anxiety and stress related to research can promote self-efficacy in students and contribute to their academic success. The case study started as an investigation on how nursing students approached the research process, but later incorporated solutions to diminish intrinsic factors that contributed negatively to academic performance. Qualitative data from 105 students indicate that small changes can make a difference on how students approach the research process. The presentation will appeal to all attendees, as it deals with anxiety and stress during the research process, but particularly for academic librarians that work closely with college-level students and faculty.

Special Meetings (4:15 – 5:00 pm)

NorLN Cataloging Committee Meeting
Catherine Feryok

NorLN Circulation Committee Meeting
Julia Todd

Friday, April 6

Registration (8:30 – 11:00 am)

Session 1 (9:00 – 10:00 am)

Creating Healthy Story Times
Mary Hooper, Pleasants County Public Library
This presentation will focus on introducing healthy living skills into youth story times. We will share how our library created a Healthy Children Program at our Library. We will share stories, crafts, and activities that promote nutrition and physical activity, which we have used to make this program a success.

The Wonderful, Wizarding World of Harry Potter
Breana Bowen and Julianne Tillis, Cabell County Public Library
The Harry Potter franchise is a multi-billion dollar industry. The books continue to be some of the most checked out titles in libraries across America. Harry Potter library programs are sure to draw a crowd of individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We will discuss some fantastic Harry Potter programming ideas. There will be several hands-on activities. Join us and celebrate the Boy Who Lived! Also, feel free to share your ideas if you have held a successful Potter program at your library!

Have It Your Way: Customizing One-Shot Instruction With Menus
Virginia Kline, Potomac State College Library
Don’t waste a minute of your one-shot! Participants will create a customized menu listing of popular one-shot topics and activities, such as “Keywords & Search Strings – 8 minutes” and/or “Boolean Searching – 3 minutes”. Share with professors who can choose menu items, which address subjects they want, covered within the time frame allotted.

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Session 2 (10:15-11:15 am)

Exploring WVU Extension Service and Library Partnerships
Dianna Lewis, Pleasants County Extension Agent
Learn about some of the exciting ways that WVU Extension Service and Libraries can collaborate to offer programs and services to our communities. Some examples are an exciting ongoing robotics team, master gardener classes, and “Dining with Diabetes” seminars, etc.

Something Old – Something NEW – Something Borrowed – But Mostly NEW from PBS and WVPB!
Margaret Miller, West Virginia Public Broadcasting & Beth Anderson, Burnsville Public Library
PBS Kids and West Virginia Public Broadcasting offer FREE resources and workshops for schools, libraries, adults, and children. Learn about new programs like Family Creative Learning (coding), Family Engagement (math), advance screenings of PBS and WVPB programs, “one-stop shopping” for activities at PBS Kids Lab and WV LearningMedia, and the many “Camps” available. Find out how youth can solve the problems of the world with Design Squad Global and examine the Sesame Street Toolkits which support you, students, and parents who may be dealing with tough issues. Participants will have the opportunity to win PBS prizes!

The Little Program That Could: Revamping Programming in an Academic Library
Tera M. Henry and Leeann Hesson, Drinko Library Marshall University
Have you been looking for ways to implement programming at your academic library? Let us share our tips and tricks with you! New MU Reads coordinators Tera M. Henry and Leeann Hesson will take you on a journey through their successes, failures, and the special needs that arise when planning/administering academic library programs. Time will be allotted for a Q&A session with those in attendance.

Lunch, Vendors, & Space Battles with Andrew Stanley, Kanawha County Public Libraries (11:30 – 12:30 pm)

Session 3 (12:45-1:45 pm)

Crafts-R-Us
Pleasants County Public Library Staff
Get your groove on as we share crafts and activities geared toward this year’s Summer Reading Program, or for use anytime! There will be examples, patterns/instructions, and even some make-and-take! Rock on!

Merging Music and Literacy for Summer Reading Program and Storytime
Tony Martirano, Performer
Tony Martirano is a certified WV elementary school teacher and a gifted musician. He has a unique ability to introduce music and literature to children. If you plan to include music as a part of your Summer Reading Schedule or if you just want pointers on using songs at storytime, this session will inspire you. Tony will propose ways to incorporate music into your programs and discuss the importance of rhythms and rhymes in early literacy.

Distance Learners: Providing Support to Students in a Galaxy Far, Far Away
Panel Discussion moderated by Traci Mays, Robert C. Byrd Health Services Center; including Hilary Fredette, West Virginia University Library, John Adkins, University of Charleston Library, and Dr. Monica Brooks, Drinko Library Marshall University
Find out how colleagues are facing challenges and seizing opportunities to provide library support for online learners. Discussion topics include: copyright issues, communication with students, issues with technology, embedded librarians, collaboration with professors, and instructional design. Audience questions and participation encouraged!

Vendors, Snacks, & Space Battles (1:45 – 2:15 pm)

Session 4 (2:15-3:15 pm)

Clay Center Outreach Opportunities & Resources
Melissa Rhodes, Outreach Coordinator, Clay Center
The Clay Center in Charleston, WV has a wealth of information and resources to share with the state. Join their Outreach Coordinator to learn about educational/school programming, special programming, museum outreach, and resources that are available on their website.

Let’s Go For a StoryWalk!
Brittany Rothausen, Princeton Public Library
StoryWalk is a fun and educational activity promoting physical activity, nature appreciation, and early literacy skills by placing a children’s story along a popular walking route. Learn the process (and pitfalls) one library faced when developing a StoryWalk, and gather ideas for implementing this unique outreach opportunity in your community.

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Working With Your Local Parent Group
Beth Anderson, Burnsville Public Library and Melissa Jones, WV Parent Teacher Association

This presentation will focus on what parent groups can bring to libraries, and what libraries can bring to parent groups. Most parent groups are looking for ways to partner with community organizations. Libraries are looking for ways to reach kids and families.

Academic Division Meeting
Virginia Kline, WVLA Academic Division Chair

Special Meetings (3:15-4:00 pm)

Summer Reading, Children’s Roundtable Meeting, music, and PRIZES!!!
Mary Hooper, Roundtable Chair and Youth Director, Pleasants Co. Library, and Cate Weber, Youth Director, Vienna Public Library

Academic Instruction Roundtable

In the last newsletter, we learned what they ARE...but 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: Academic
Chair Virginia Kline

In what ways does the academic division contribute to WVLA? I've been asking myself this very question! We're providing more opportunities for networking and professional growth in the hopes it will encourage current members to be more active in the Association. Additionally, with the guidance of David Owens (Cabell County), we are exploring ways for academic librarians to work more closely with their regional Service Centers to share educational resources and possibly assist with programming. Through coordination of efforts like these, we can build a stronger Association with members working together to address the needs and concerns of all the libraries around the state.

What goals are the academic division currently working towards for the future?

In 2018, I'd like to increase division membership by 20%. I plan to hold at least two networking events, one during our division meeting Summer Refresher held at Davis & Elkins and one at the Annual Meeting. Our members have also requested we organize some professional development opportunities, so we will be addressing that need as the semester winds down. We are also offering four breakout sessions focused on academic programming this year at Spring Fling. I hope we get a great turnout!

Roundtable: Director’s
Chair Alex Eberle
(Roundtable report)

The WVLA Director’s Roundtable held its meeting during the WVLA 2017 Fall Conference on November 8, 2017, in the Knowland Room of the Greenbrier Resort.

Director’s Roundtable Chair opened conversation about what purpose roundtables have in the Association. The consensus was that it is for members to connect with their peers for ideas and resources.

The Roundtable was still debating on ideas of how to connect outside the meetings. The best way right now is utilizing the Director’s ListServ’s that are in existence of the main one for WVLA.

All Directors’ present introduced themselves as WV Libraries have had an influx of new leadership. Present at the meeting were directors who had been serving from as little as 1 month to 50 years.

Chair for the 2017-2018 year was chosen at the 2016 Fall Conference and it is Alexandra Eberle.

Roundtable discussed new potential nominees for the 2018-2019 Chair which would take over duties at the conclusion of the 2018 Fall Conference. A call for nominations was made. Sarah Palfrey was nominated with no opposition.

A motion was made to close elections and it carried.

Discussion was made regarding policies and how to find ones that are vetted. Roundtable Members noted that they were available for policy swaps, that you can find other library’s policies online, and you can contact Susan Bailey at the Library Commission for help.

Discussion was made regarding a potential need for formal/informal mentoring. Veteran Director’s noted that they are there to help and connect with anyone who might need help from policies, to staff discipline, etc.

Next meeting will be the WVLA 2018 Spring Fling.
Join Libraries Across the Nation Celebrating National Library Week

Libraries across the nation highlight how they lead in their communities during National Library Week, April 8 through the 14, 2018. For the celebration, the Library Commission is organizing is running two contests and a Facebook promotional frame.

The for-all-ages contests include a bookmark design challenge and an essay competition. Links for both are available below:

- WVLC Bookmark Design Contest
- WVLC Writing Contest

The Facebook promotional frame will be available during National Library Week on the WVLC Facebook page. As part of the promotion, the agency will be using the hashtag #wvlibrarieslead to promote activities across the state.

WVLC will also have a photo booth at Spring Fling on April 5 and 6, so librarians can participate, inquire about the contests, or pick up additional handouts.

For any additional information, please contact Heather Campbell-Shock at 304-558-2041.

WVLA Announcements:

- Don’t forget to renew your membership! Click here to renew (or join!) online.
- Find our conference website here! There is information about Spring Fling along with presentations from the Fall 2017 conference to be downloaded.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Fling
April 5-6, 2018
Summersville Arena and Conference Center
3 Armory Way
Summersville, WV 26651

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

Want more information? Visit our membership page.