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From the Secretary

October 2018



While libraries observed Library Card Sign-Up month in September, Volunteer West Virginia observed National Preparedness Month. Max Mayfield, former Director of the National Hurricane Center, once said “Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy.” That quote is applicable to many things, including the West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference.

The conference always provides preparation through education and I encourage everyone who can to attend. Session topics vary from year to year, but you are guaranteed to learn something new and to add to the knowledge and skills you have already. You may learn what academic libraries and public libraries have in common.

You may learn how other libraries address the issue of problem patrons. You may learn that your ideas are

valued by others.

Conference attendance is an investment with great returns. It benefits Directors, trustees, staff, and friends. You will meet and greet, listen and talk, eat and drink, see old friends and make new ones. You will leave tired but energized to continue making your library a valuable community resource.

The window for applying for a Library Commission Conference Scholarship is open through October 5th and we have almost 30 applications. If you are among them, good for you. If not, you still have time to apply.

See you at Stonewall.



Jeanette M. Rowsey, WVLA Trustees Division Chair

In my survey to WV public library trustees, a number of you expressed that time commitments and costs have kept you from attending the multi-day WVLA Conferences. We have been working to address your concerns.

This year's Annual Fall Conference in November offers three benefits that we hope will encourage your participation. (Early bird registration is already open, and you should expect to see the full conference program any day, if not already published by the time you read this.)

First, it is centrally located at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV, just off I-79 near the center of the state. North, south or panhandle, you won't find a more convenient drive to get together with fellow library folks!

Second, most of the sessions of keenest interest to Trustees are expected to take place on Thursday, November 8. The Conference Committee drew on information you shared to come up with highly relevant topics and great presenters. I do know the "meat and potatoes" sessions will happen on Thursday, with five sessions and the trustees division meeting scheduled that day starting at 9:30 am and ending at 5 pm. These sessions are titled Trustee Q&A, Non-profit Board Orientation and Recruitment Best Practices, Employment Law Presentation, Ethics Law Presentation, Open Meetings Act Presentation and the Trustees Division Meeting. Kathi Kromer, head of the ALA Washington office will also be our final general session speaker on Friday morning.

Third, scholarships are available! The Library Commission is accepting scholarship applications through October 5, 2018. Scholarships are available for trustees as well as library staff and directors. The application is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DLJCS28>.

I hope you will make plans to attend.

Nominations for 2019 WVLC Awards Are Now Open

Nominations open for the Library Commission's **Librarian of the Year** and **Librarian Champions** awards on October 1st.



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 [here](#). 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.



WVLA Gathers for Annual Fall Conference

The **WVLA Annual Conference** is scheduled for **November 7-9** at the **Stonewall Resort** in Roanoke, WV.

The Stonewall Resort offers immaculate views of West Virginia's rolling mountains and beautiful lake waters, and is located just 3 miles from I-79 in Lewis County. To register for this year's WVLA Annual Conference, contact the [WVLA](#).



National Friends of Libraries Week



Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 13th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 21-27, 2018. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

One Book One West Virginia Author Featured in WVPB Interview



Karen Spears Zacharias is the author of *Mother of Rain*, the 2017-18 One Book One West Virginia selection, and she is the 2018 Shepherd University Writer-in-Residence. Last month she was featured in a podcast interview with West Virginia Public Radio.

In the interview, Zacharias discussed growing up in the hills of Appalachia and the impact her father's death in Vietnam had on her and her family. You can hear the entire interview on the [WVPB website](#).

Marshall's Drinko Library Celebrates 20-year Anniversary



With the opening of the 2018 school year, Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Library celebrated its 20th anniversary with special ceremonies last month. Opened in October 1998, the 180,000 square-foot building replaced the old Morrow Library as the primary library facility for students. The Morrow Library still holds over 2 million volumes and government documents.

Monica Brooks, Marshall's Associate Vice-President of libraries, says the Drinko Library provides the university with the flexibility for substantial growth into the 21st century.

Cabell County Public Library Intern Program Featured in Major Newspaper Article

Rebekah Nix is a 16 year-old high school junior, who works as an intern in the CCPL. Last month, the Huntington Herald-Dispatch featured her in an article about her and her work at the library.

The CCPL was one of 50 libraries chosen nationwide by the American Library Association for the Inclusive Internship Initiative. The program provides funding for a mentored internship programs for high school juniors and seniors and allows the students to learn about multiple areas of librarianship.



The library received hundreds of applications for the position, and Breana Bowen, Assistant Director for Youth Services at CCPL, said Nix was the obvious choice for the award, since she had been volunteering at the library since 2015. The national program concludes with ceremonies in Chicago later this year.

In Case You Missed It...



The Rupert Public Library was featured in a pair of articles in the Greenbrier Valley Ranger newspaper last month. One article showcased the Library for hosting "Tea Time On The Trail", an event which highlighted local



authors who live or have lived along the Midland Trail in southern West Virginia. The old wagon trail began in Huntington and finished in White Sulphur Springs.

Another article focused on the library's Aqua Tech Team. The team consists of 8 home-schooled students, ages 6 to 12, who completed a project titled "The Aquaponic's Cycle". The science project allowed students to learn about evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and water collection. The library's Aqua Tech Team was sponsored by Fairmont State University.



WVLC Scholarship Opportunity

WVLC Offers Five Scholarships

The West Virginia Library Commission is excited to offer 5 scholarships to Library Directors and/or Staff to complete the Carl Vinson Institute of Government's Library Financial Management Certification Program. The program is uniquely designed to address financial management through the perspective of a public library.

The library of each participant who is awarded a scholarship will receive a grant of \$1,194 for that individual to complete the program. The program can be completed in as little as 6 months or up to 12 months.

To apply complete the 2018 Application for Continuing Education Scholarships form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFMCGrant> by October 5, 2018. More information about the program can be found at <https://cviog.uga.edu/training-and-education/financial-training/library-financial-management-certification-program.html>.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Johnson at (304) 558-2041 or jennifer.l.johnson2@wv.gov.

26th Letters About Literature Writing Contest is Almost Here!

West Virginia's annual letter writing and reading competition, Letters About Literature, is back for its 26th year. The West Virginia Center for the Book, an affiliate of the National Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is once again sponsoring the competition for students in grades four through twelve. Letters About Literature is a national program, supported locally by the West Virginia Library Commission.



Students choose a book, poem or speech that has had an impact on their view of the world, their personal lives, or both. Then they write a letter to the author, explaining why his or her work is important to them, and how it has affected them personally. Entries are judged nationally, as well as on a statewide level.

Student entries for the 26th annual contest will be accepted beginning **November 1, 2018**, and must be postmarked by **January 11, 2019**. For more information on how students can take part in the program, please visit the [Letters About Literature page on the WVLC website](#).

Voting for America's Favorite Novel Ends on October 18!



The Great American Read winds down this month - voting ends October 18 and America's favorite book will be unveiled on October 23. Over the past few months, *The Great American Read* has been asking Americans to pick one book as their all-time favorite. West Virginia Public Broadcasting and the WVLC have been collecting votes to determine West Virginia's favorite book as well. You can keep voting for your favorite by visiting the [WV Public Broadcasting Great American Read website](#)! Vote as many times as you like and help America and West Virginia choose their favorite book!

PBS will announce America's winner with a special broadcast of the Great American Read on October 23.

WVLC Notices

- **October 8 - Columbus Day:** WVLC is closed
- **October 16 :** New Director's Academy, WVLC offices, Charleston
- **October 31:** Halloween
- **Princeton Public Library:** Job opening for Library Director
- **Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library:** Job opening for Library Director

The West Virginia Book Festival Returns!

There's something for everyone at this year's West Virginia Book Festival. The festival is scheduled for October 26th and 27th at the Charleston Civic Center, and features a wide range of nationally known authors.

This year's lineup includes best-selling authors Dennis Lehane, Debbie Macomber, Jill Lepore, John Scalzi, David Grann, Kawme Alexander, and more. The festival also features a variety of workshops and activities, including the Kanawha County Public Library's Annual used book sale.



The charter presenters for this year's festival include the Kanawha County Public Library; The Library Foundation of Kanawha County Inc.; the West Virginia Humanities Council; and the Charleston Gazette-Mail. Sponsors this year include the West Virginia Library Commission; the West Virginia Center for the Book; West Virginia Public Broadcasting; the Martha Gaines and Russell Wehrle Memorial Foundation; the H. B. Wehrle Foundation; the Friends of The Library; and BB&T.

Teen Read Week 2018



This year's Teen Read Week features the theme **"It's Written in the Stars: READ"**. Library staff, after school providers and educators can use this theme to encourage teens to think and read outside of the box, as well as seek out fantasy, science fiction and other out-of- this-world reads.

Teen Read Week is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

To learn more about this year's event, visit the [Teen Read Week website](#).



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**WVLC Book
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Featured Book of the Month!

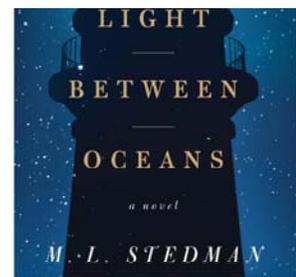
The Light Between Oceans

by M.L. Stedman

After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse



keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.



Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them.

"Elegantly rendered...heart-wrenching...beautifully drawn" (USA TODAY), *The Light Between Oceans* is a gorgeous debut novel, not soon to be forgotten.

Contact Library & Development Services to request this book for your book group at 304-558-2041 or at susan.p.bailey@wv.gov.

Libraries Today's Latest Episode Features Read Aloud WV

Read Aloud West Virginia works to motivate children to want to read by placing volunteer readers in schools, providing access to books and other reading material, educating families and the general public, and by offering literacy resources to schools and teachers. In our October episode, *Libraries Today* visits Read Aloud Executive Director Mary Kay Bond to learn more about this outstanding organization.



Check out *Libraries Today* - now available on the [Library Television Network's YouTube Channel!](#)

WVLC Summer Reading Survey



2018 was another successful year for Summer Reading programs in West Virginia Public Libraries, and in order for the Library Commission to better support these programs in the future, we need your help. Please take part in the 2018 Summer Reading Survey.

Your responses help the WVLC and the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) provide meaningful resources and support for these programs. Responses given in this survey also assist WVLC in demonstrating the important role libraries have in supplementing classroom learning, impacting literacy levels, and assisting with workforce development and job readiness within their communities.

Please complete the 2018 WVLC Summer Reading survey by visiting the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/WVLCSummerReading2018. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Services Consultant Lisa Hechesky at lisa.a.hechesky@wv.gov or 304-558-2045.



New Library Grant from The American Library Association

The ALA, in partnership with Citizen Film and the National Writing Project, invites public libraries to apply for programming grants to host community conversations centered around American Creed, a PBS documentary that invites audiences to consider what America's ideals and identity ought to be.

[Read the project guidelines](#) and apply online by **Nov. 19**. Up to 50 public libraries will be selected.

Awardees will receive:

- a DVD of the American Creed documentary for their circulating collections;
- access to a high-quality, projection-ready download of the film, with public performance rights (PPR) included;
- a \$300 stipend to support speaker fees for an eligible public humanities scholar, or access to a representative from the National Writing Project to serve as program moderator;
- a digital marketing and outreach kit with customizable printable postcards, posters and press releases and suggested social media posts with video clips for online promotion;
- additional resources, training and support.

In the documentary, former Sec. of State Condoleezza Rice, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy, civic entrepreneur Eric Liu, moveon.org founder Joan Blades, Tea Party Patriots founder Mark Meckler, Chicago Cubs Manager Joe Maddon and other citizen-activists come together from remarkably different perspectives to explore the idea of a unifying American creed.

Public libraries that receive the grant must implement three public programs between January and August 2019 that explore the themes and humanities questions featured in American Creed. All libraries that submit a completed application — regardless of their grant award status — may receive access and permission to screen the film for a public audience, provided they agree to submit basic information about the screening to Citizen Film.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Highlighted Content from WebJunction

These resources can help you strengthen your library and services to the community, explore them today!

- [Next Chapter Book Club: Where Reading is for Everyone](#): Through the Next Chapter Book Club, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are finding a unique opportunity to engage in literacy, socialize and hang out in a community setting - all through the power of books and reading. Program facilitators find that the clubs create an enjoyable setting that not only helps with continued, lifelong learning, but it also makes reading and fun and enjoyable experiences. Public libraries are a key partner in bringing this program to life and keeping these patrons connected.

- [Smart Space Transformation Stories](#): These Smart Space Transformation Stories are about the libraries who participated in WebJunction's Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces program, which led 15 small and rural public libraries from across the country to reimagine and reconfigure their libraries into smart spaces. Each library created space and programming aligned with the unique nature and needs of their community. These stories capture the trajectory of each transformation in pictures and words, showing the process before, during and after implementation of the Smart Spaces process.

Upcoming Webinars

If you can't attend a live session, all WebJunction webinars are recorded and available for free in the [course catalog](#).

Take Action: Using and Presenting Research Findings to Make Your Case

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here](#).

You've formulated the hard questions. You've collected your data. What stories do your findings tell, and what do they suggest? This final session explores how to present findings to your library's key stakeholders and decision-makers in a compelling way, and how to turn those findings into action that benefits your patrons.

This webinar is the final in a [three-part series](#) bringing together research and practice from across library sectors, covering the ins and outs of creating, and implementing assessments that provide insightful, actionable data.

Presented by: **Melissa Bowles-Terry**, Head of Educational Initiatives, UNLV Libraries (NV); and moderated by **Marie L. Radford**, Professor of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University, School of Communication and Information.

New Ways to Supercharge Your Storytimes

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here](#).

Whether you are new to storytimes or a seasoned provider, Supercharged Storytimes can deepen and enhance the great work you already do. Based on the powerful [VIEWS2 research](#) which confirmed the value of key early literacy strategies used intentionally in storytime, WebJunction translated those findings into practical application. With early literacy instructor Saroj Ghoting and other experts in the field, WebJunction recently updated and expanded the training to fully cover the early literacy components, to consider storytimes through an equity lens, and to strengthen assessment of the impact of library storytimes. Find out why HOW you interact with children and families is as important as what you do or how frequently you do it.

Presented by: **Saroj Ghoting**, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant, Curriculum Developer for Supercharged Storytimes for All; and **Betha Gutsche**, WebJunction Programs Manager, OCLC

Events - WebJunction Events Calendar

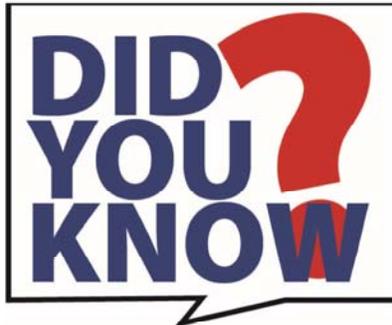
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To view a complete list of past WebJunction webinars, go to: [WebJunction Event Archives](#)



WebJunction webinars are live audiovisual programs that are conducted online via WebEx web conferencing. Anyone who has an Internet connection can participate, listening to the audio broadcast through speakers or headset, or via phone. These **free** events allow you to meet and learn from library leaders and fellow library practitioners.

WebJunction's catalog of courses and webinar archives on library topics is now open to all library workers and volunteers across the nation. A certificate of completion is provided after you have completed any course or webinar that you enroll in.

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In 1984, the South Jefferson Public Library was established as a small “outpost” library in Summit Point. The 480 square foot structure was soon overflowing with books, periodicals, and computers. Parking and storage were inadequate. Finally, after years of grant writing and fund raising, a new library building opened its doors in February 2004. The South Jefferson Public Library now houses over 23,000 volumes and serves 17,800 residents in southern Jefferson County. The library is currently fundraising and planning for an expansion in the near future.

Mark Your Calendar!



- October:** National Cyber Security Awareness Month
- October 6:** American Library Association Birthday
- October 7-13:** Teen Read Week
- October 8:** Native American Day
- October 17:** Black Poetry Day
- October 21-27:** National Friends of Libraries Week



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