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*a message from...***the West Virginia Library Commission**

From the Secretary

June 2017

HB 115, the latest FY 2018 Budget Bill, was introduced in the Legislature on May 23. As introduced, the bill maintains current level funding for Grants-in-Aid to public libraries and no further reductions to the Library Commission's operating funds. The Legislature and the Governor continue to struggle with differing viewpoints on revenue measures. Along with other state agencies, the Library Commission is working on a contingency plan in the event that no budget is passed and approved by July 1. An immediate effect would a delay in distribution of 1st Quarter Grants-in-Aid. I certainly hope that a budget will be passed and the contingency plan will not have to be implemented. I will be communicating with all public library directors as budget negotiations proceed.

To further complicate library funding, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) distributed the following press release on May 23 concerning Federal Fiscal Year 2018 (Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018) funding.

Administration's FY 2018 Budget Request Includes \$23 Million to Start Wind-Down of IMLS Operations

Washington, DC--Today, President Donald J. Trump released his FY 2018 budget request to Congress, which includes \$23 million for administrative expenses to begin conducting a closeout of operations of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) starting in Fiscal Year 2018. IMLS is one of several independent agencies designated for elimination in the FY 2018 budget request. The budget request expands upon the initial Administration budget request released in March, [proposing the elimination of IMLS](#). The request released today includes no funding for IMLS grant programs.

For information about how the proposed budget and budget process may affect institutions with existing grants or IMLS operations generally, see the [FY 2018 IMLS Budget Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF 68.8KB) document.

IMLS is an independent grantmaking agency and the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. The agency helps ensure that all Americans have access to critically needed museum, library, and information services. It supports innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement, enabling museums and libraries from geographically and economically diverse areas to deliver essential services that make it possible for individuals and communities to thrive.

IMLS administers Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. The Library Commission uses these funds to support telecommunications services to libraries, software for the automation consortia, and services to the blind. LSTA funds also provide continuing education and consulting services, programming assistance, and statewide database subscriptions.

It is critical that library staff across the state demonstrate the value of libraries and library trustees, friends and supporters talk about this value to citizens and elected officials and representatives.

Karen Goff

WVLC Executive Secretary



TRUSTEE TIPS

Updated Trustee Manual Now Available

There are more than 450 library trustees in West Virginia. They are joined nationwide by 60,000 more. Both the term and the position have a rich historical meaning. The founding of the Boston Public Library in 1848 marked the first time that the use of public tax funds for the support of a public library. The Board of Trustees was established to ensure that the library would be free from local political influence and management. The term trustee indicated that the citizen or public members of the Board held in trust the responsibility for the operation and collections of the library. The term was adopted by other libraries in the 19th century and continues today to connote that the operation of the library is a trust under the control of the Board. In her classic book Virginia Young puts it like this, "*Since a public library belongs to its entire community, library boards have been created by law to act as citizen control or governing*

body of the library. Library trustees accordingly are public officials and servants of the public, and the powers delegated to library boards are a public trust. (The Library Trustee, 5th ed. p.10)

Chapter 10 of the *West Virginia Code* refers to the library Board of Directors. This is synonymous with Board of Trustees. The Library Commission typically uses the latter term as reflected in the title of the *West Virginia Trustee Manual*. The manual is intended as a reference tool for Boards and Directors alike. This revision is a bit late in getting posted but the intent is to review and revise in even numbered years. Please consult the manual regularly and remember that Library Commission staff is always available to help you administer your trust.

The updated version of the WVLC Trustee Manual is now available. Check it out on the [WVLC website](#).

Congratulations to the Burnsville Public Library!

The Burnsville Public Library has been awarded an Inclusive Internship Initiative Grant from the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The summer-long mentoring project is focused on exposing students to careers in librarianship.

The grant allows library director Beth Anderson to hire two high school students as interns for the summer months. Beth says, "I am just so excited about this opportunity. Not only will this be a great thing for the library, but our two interns will have a chance to see what librarianship is all about." The interns will be tasked with planning, promoting, recruiting and implementing a teen program as well as handling general library duties throughout the summer.



For more information on the PLA's Internship Initiative, visit the [PLA web site](#).



24th Letters About Literature Contest Announces Winners



The West Virginia Center for the Book held the 2017 *Letters About Literature* awards ceremony at the West Virginia Culture Center on May 18th. *Letters About Literature* is a national reading and writing program, supported locally by the WV Center for the Book at the West Virginia Library Commission.

117 students from West Virginia were honored at the event, which featured guest speaker and local author Belinda Anderson as well as a video greeting from Gayle Manchin, Cabinet Secretary of Education and the Arts. Students in grades 4-12 (divided by Levels 1-3) wrote letters to authors (living or dead) telling them how a book, poem, or play by that author affected them personally. Entries for state level judging were selected on how well they met the required criteria of: audience, purpose, grammatical conventions, and originality.

Top Honors were awarded to Kierston Lauerman, a 6th grader at Hurricane Middle School in Level 1, 8th grader Annabelle Blosser of the Linsly School in Wheeling in Level 2, and Sydnie Knafla, a 10th grade student at Washington High School in Charles Town in Level 3. Top Honor winners move on to national competition.

WVLC Executive Secretary Karen Goff says, "It is exciting to see these gifted young students display their talents for writing and their enthusiasm for books. WVLC is proud to support the Letters About Literature program."



West Virginia Librarians visit Washington, DC

May 4 was National Library Legislative Day, a two-day advocacy event that brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C. to meet with their members of Congress and rally support for library issues.



Among those hundreds was this intrepid group of West Virginians who visited Representatives McKinley, Mooney, and Jenkins and Senators Capito and Manchin. The visits and visitors were organized by WVLA



Federal Relations Coordinator **Bonnie Dwire** from the Morgantown Public Library. Accompanying her were: **Gretchen Fry**, Director of the Martinsburg-Berkeley Co. PL; **Beth Carpenter** from Bethany

College, **Hali Taylor**, Director of the Shepherdstown PL and her Development Director **Lee Ann Warner**, **Dana Phillips** from the Martinsburg-Berkeley Co. PL, WVLC Secretary **Karen Goff**, retired Summers County PL Director **Myra Ziegler**, Bolivar-Harpers Ferry PL Director **Toni Milbourne** and her daughter **Stephanie Milbourne**, **Megan Shanholtz**, Director of the Hampshire Co. PL., and **Marcella Ganz**, Director of the Charles Town Public Library.



Stories From The ALA

Students Can Also Be Experts in the Library

School librarian Kristina Holzweiss was flipping through the American Library Association's (ALA) graphics catalog when she saw the Libraries Transform campaign's "I'm an expert in" badges. The first thought that came to her mind was, "How can I use these in my school library?"

Rather than she being the only one to wear a badge, Holzweiss decided to try them out with her student "techspert" team at Bay Shore Middle School (BSMS) in Long Island, N.Y. At BSMS, Holzweiss works with "techspert" students throughout different periods of the day. They help her in the library with everything from wrangling robots to creating websites and organizing the makerspace. [READ MORE](#)



ALSC Summer Reading Lists



The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) has updated its Summer Reading Lists for 2017.

The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Four Summer Reading book lists are available for Birth-Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grade students.

Each list is available to download for free at (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>). Lists can be customized to include library information, summer hours and summer reading programs for children before making copies available to schools and patrons.

Titles on the 2017 Summer Reading Lists were compiled and annotated by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

Learn More

WVLC is encouraging every public library to participate in Public Library Association's (PLA) **Project Outcome** program this summer in conjunction with their Summer Learning Program. **Project Outcome** is a free toolkit which provides simple surveys and a process to measure and analyze the program and services outcomes; it is a key part in the national push to compare apples to apples.

The [Summer Reading Survey](#) will provide WVLC and each individual library the data needed to demonstrate the importance of summer learning. PLA offers instructional [webinars](#) and sign up is easy. The PowerPoint slides from Karen Goff's **Project Outcome** presentation at Spring Fling are posted on [WVLC's website](#). Libraries should be mindful of this outcome-based program when developing their objectives.



One suggestion I have in executing the survey is to recruit volunteers to assist caregivers and children fill out the survey forms - win/win! There is also an online survey option that might boost participation from the digital fans. If you don't have the time or staff to enter your survey results in the **Project Outcome** database, just send WVLC the survey forms. WVLC is happy to support your library in any way possible.

Feel free to contact me at melissa.j.brown@wv.gov or 304-558-2041. By the way, here's a link to my [Summer Learning Book Advisory](#).

Melissa Brown

WVLC Continuing Education Consultant

Ground Broken for Brooke County PL Museum Expansion

A major expansion project for the Brooke County Public Library kicks off this month. Ground will be broken for a 4,000 square-foot addition to the American Defenders of Bataan and Corredidor Museum and Education Center housed in the library.



The renovation includes additional display place and a new meeting room with a view of the Ohio River. The expansion is funded by donations of \$500,000 each from Jon and Jeanette Meriwether and Dave and Nancy Hubbard, as well as a grant from the Charles and Thelma Pugliese Foundation.

The museum honors World War II veterans who experienced the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in 1941 and the Bataan Death March.



- **June 20th - West Virginia Day:** WVLC is closed.

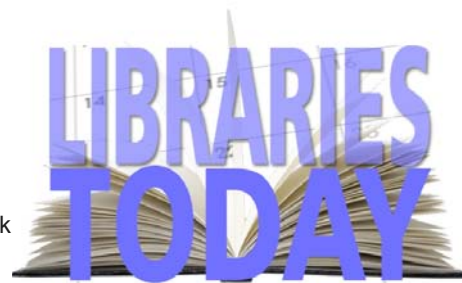
- **Bibliostat Reporting Window:** July 5 - August 18



Check Out the Latest Edition of *Libraries Today!*

Libraries Today goes behind the scenes of the WVLC in its June edition, now available on the **Library Television Network's YouTube Channel**.

First, the show hits the road to watch the WVLC Library Development department at work at the Gilmer Public Library . Then, we pay a visit to WVLC Network Services. Guests include Melissa Brown and Susan Bailey from Library Development, Harlan White from Network Services, and Patrick Montgomery, Gilmer Public Library Interim Director. [Check it out today!](#)



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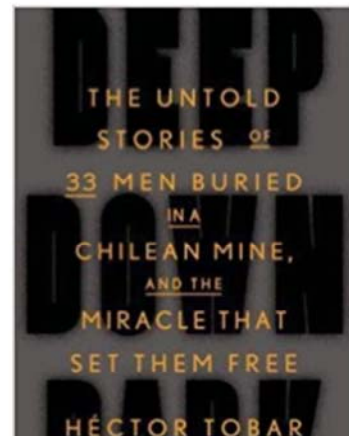
story of the 33 men who spent 69 days trapped more than 2,000 feet underground in Chile's San José Mine in 2010. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and novelist Hector Tobar—who was granted exclusive access to the miners and their families—compassionately recounts the miners' personal histories and experiences during the 17 days they were without outside contact.

Featured Book of the Month!

Deep Down Dark

by Héctor Tobar

Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle that Set Them Free is the riveting



More than 1 billion viewers worldwide watched the rescue, and it is now being made into a major film. No other writer has been granted the deep and exclusive access to the miners that Tobar has, and no one else can capture and recreate this unique drama so vividly, from the conflicts and the emotions that enveloped the men during their first fortnight below ground, when death by starvation loomed as their likely fate, to the subsequent weeks during which they established contact with the outside world. All the while, they remain trapped inside a still-thundering mountain that could collapse upon them at any moment.

Contact Library Development Services to request this book for your book group! 304-558-3978 or Robert.L.Gibson@wv.gov.



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Highlighted content from WebJunction

- These resources can help you strengthen your library and services to the community, explore them today!
- [Expanding Opportunities for Incarcerated Parents and Their Families at the Free Library of Philadelphia](#): The library recently released a free toolkit in an effort to collaborate with their peers, share what was learned in building a prison services program, and start a conversation among peers.
- [Unfolding History at Your Library](#): This nationwide project from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, DC, is excavating the evidence for what was possible for Americans to have known about the Holocaust as it was happening and how Americans responded. Learn how your library can be part of this work.

Upcoming Webinars

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

Measures that Matter Part Two: Detailing the Data-based Story of Public Libraries

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/measures-that-matter-2.html>

In the United States, there are a number of national surveys of public libraries and their patrons. While all of these efforts help us tell a data-based story of public libraries, they differ in terms of their samples, what types of data they collect, and how their data are collected, stored, and accessed. During the [first webinar](#) in this three-part series, we scanned the landscape of major public library surveys and considered how library data could be used more productively in the future. In this second webinar, we will drill deeper into the concepts of sampling, data types, and data management, and how they impact what we know about public libraries and their patrons. At the end of this webinar, participants will have a greater understanding of various sampling methods, recognize the differences between inputs, outputs, and outcomes, and be aware of the data management practices for various national public library surveys.

This webinar is the second in a three-part series about the Institute of Museum and Library Services' and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies' Measures that Matter initiative, a field-wide discussion of the current state of public library data. All sessions are recorded for you to watch if you aren't able to participate live.

Presented by: **Rebecca Teasdale**, Senior Evaluation and Research Associate, Garibay Group; **John Bertot**, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor, College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland; **Linda Hofschire**, Director, Library Research Service, Colorado State Library

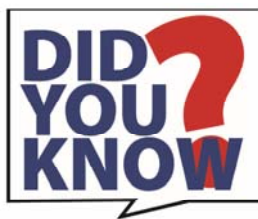
Effective Online Outreach: Tools and Tactics for Connecting Communities and Collections

Thursday, June 29, 2017 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/effective-online-outreach.html>

How did a small two-person library capture national media attention, become a focus of high-profile museum exhibits, and generate 13 million views of its online photos in just a few years? They built on a framework of eight values to drive innovative services and greatly enhance the information-seeking experience of their users. With a combination of free and low-cost web tools, savvy marketing, and innovations borrowed from archives and museums, Kenn Bicknell embarked on an aggressive digitization and outreach program to push information out to his constituents in creative, engaging ways. Find inspiration and practical ideas that can breathe new life into your collections and keep libraries front and center in users' lives.

Presented by: **Kenn Bicknell**, Digital Resources Librarian, [Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Library and Archive](#)



Libraries in Berkeley County have a long and varied history. The county's first library dates to 1825, and the Martinsburg Women's Club opened the county's first permanent library in 1926. After the Martinsburg Library moved into its current home in 1968, branch libraries were eventually founded in Inwood, Hedgesville and Falling Waters. The Martinsburg-Berkeley County library system now serves over 100,000 residents.



Don't forget the 2017 Bibliostat reporting window - July 5th through August 18th. For more information, contact [Susan Bailey](#) at (304) 558-2041.

Mark Your Calendar!



June: GLBT Book Month

June 1: National Pen Pal Day

June 5: World Environment Day

June 10: National Ballpoint Pen Day

June 20: Summer Solstice

Jun 20: West Virginia Day

Jun 30: Social Media Day



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