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From the Secretary

May 2018

Congratulations to Cate Weber, WVLA Public Library Division Chair, who simultaneously managed a new baby and Spring Fling. She and her associates put together a well-run conference with diverse and interesting programs. My favorite programs dealt with library partnerships with Public Broadcasting and the WVU and WVSU extension services. Those programs and others like them across the state illustrate the library's role as a force in the community.

The term "civic engagement" is often used to describe this role. Jane Salisbury, supervisor of Library Outreach Services at the Multnomah County (OR) Public Library, uses the term "connector". She says, "Connecting people to each other and to local government is a traditional role of libraries that is expanding in new ways. Creative programs and partnerships bring people together, both face-to-face and online. Community one-book reading programs, citizenship and civics programs, Facebook and Twitter campaigns, literacy programs and library participation in local community events, among other efforts, establish the library as a vital connector in its community." (<https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=381>)

The Urban Libraries Council report [Stepping Up to the Civic Engagement Challenge](#) (link is external), states, “As libraries continue reinventing their roles in the face of changing needs, shrinking resources, electronic books, and new models for reading and learning, a renewed focus on their original purpose as democracy’s best promise offers a strong value proposition. For libraries, the challenge is to step up. For government officials, civic groups, researchers—anyone interested in encouraging, building, and supporting civic engagement and community empowerment—the best approach may be “let’s go to the library.”

I believe that many West Virginia libraries are meeting the challenge to step up, but one step is not enough. As you plan your programs, establish your policies, and manage your collections, do everything with the library’s role as community connector in mind.



TRUSTEE TIPS

National Library Week

Jeanette M. Rowsey, WVLA Trustees Division Chair

As your new Trustees Division Chair, I was seeking information on what information public library trustees can use for the betterment of the libraries they serve, as well as the best information channels for trustee information-sharing and board development. Based on the 133 of you who responded—more than one in every four WV trustees—we got answers!

I presented the results at WVLA’s Spring Fling conference, and will be happy to share a document of charts and graphs from the survey analysis upon request. I will be happy to email a pdf file anyone who emails me at jeanetterowsey@gmail.com and includes “Requesting Trustee Survey Slides” in the subject line. Feel free to share and discuss them with your library director and fellow trustees.

I also want to share with everyone the web address to the West Virginia Library Commission’s Trustees page. This site contains links to the 3-part “Trustee Academy” Training Modules. These 30-minute videos provide a wealth of information for our WV public library boards, but it became evident through the survey that not a lot of us knew about them!

Here’s that link: <https://librarycommission.wv.gov/Librarian/Pages/Trustees.aspx>

Again, thanks so much to all who shared valuable insights. Future “Trustee Tips” and fall conference sessions will be more focused and enriched through your responses to the 2018 survey.



2019 Grants-In-Aid Forms Are Now Available



The **FY2019 Grants-In-Aid Forms** have been posted. Please visit the [WVLC Website](#) to download the forms. Individual due dates are printed on each form. All forms are due to the Library Commission no later than **June 1, 2018**. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Johnson at 304-558-2041.

Also, WVLC is inviting libraries to apply for **FY 2018 Supplemental Grants**. The maximum amount that can be requested is \$5,000. Applications must be received on or before **May 18, 2018**. All libraries are eligible to apply. The application is available [here](#).

WVLA's Spring Fling 2018

Librarians from across the state braved some un-spring like weather in Summersville last month. Despite high winds and cold temperatures, this year's Spring Fling conference did not disappoint with more than 25 sessions over the two day event.

By the way, don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual WVLA Fall Conference, November 7-9, at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia. Visit the [WVLA website](#) for more details.



Celebrating Let's Read West Virginia Day!



The West Virginia Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, the state Department of Education, the WVLC, and other state agencies sponsored **Let's Read West Virginia Day** last month, and libraries and schools all across the state took part. The day was designed to celebrate literacy and the joy of reading in the mountain state.

The WVLC State Library and the South Charleston Public Library, along with Sacred Heart Elementary in Charleston, were just a few of the libraries and schools that highlighted West Virginia authors with readings and other special programs.

"**Let's Read West Virginia** was a great event," said Denise Norris, Youth Services Librarian. "We are all about West Virginians who are making a difference!"

Cat in the Hat Visits Local Children in Tucker County



For the 9th consecutive year, Ivonne Martinez, Director of the Mountaintop Public Library, transformed herself into "The Cat in the Hat". In March, Ivonne visited the school next door to the library and read to the kids - in full Cat in the Hat costume. This year's Read Aloud event was postponed due to the statewide teacher walkout, but she was able to make it up later in the month. The kids didn't seem to mind at all.

"Kids can be so funny sometimes," Ivonne said. "Some of them will say I know who you are, and then I say I'm the Cat in the Hat. But they say, no you're not, you're Ms. Ivonne!"

Kanawha County Public Library Takes Part in Charleston's FestivALL



FestivALL Charleston celebrates its 14th year this June, and again the Kanawha County Public Library will have a big role. KCPL hosts the Kiwanis Corporate Regatta on June 18 and sponsors the Kanawha County Public Library Street Fair on June 23. FestivALL is a 10 day event that showcases local and regional arts in music, dance, visual art, and theater in a variety of venues around West Virginia's capital city, and KCPL plays a significant part in this community event.



25th Letters About Literature Contest to Announce Winners

The West Virginia Center for the Book at the West Virginia Library Commission will hold the 2018 Letters About Literature awards ceremony at the West Virginia Culture Center on Thursday, May 17th, 2018, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing program, supported locally by the WV Center for the Book - a program of the WVLC. Local radio news journalist Brad McElhinny will speak at the event, where participating state students will be honored.

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. This year, more than 40,000 students nationwide participated in the Letters About Literature program, and national screeners selected 62 West Virginia entries for state level judging. Judges, chosen by the West Virginia Center for the Book, determined the top letters in each competition level for the state. Entries were selected on how well they met the required criteria of: audience, purpose, grammatical conventions, and originality.



2017 Letters About Literature Winners

Library Grant Opportunities

YALSA's Great Books Giveaway Competition



Each year the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) office receives approximately 3,000 newly published books, videos, CD's and audio-cassettes, materials that have been targeted primarily towards young adults. Publishers and producers submit copies for selection committees to review and nominate. After the ALA Midwinter Meeting (when committees select their annual lists), these materials need to be removed from the YALSA office to make room for the next year's publications.

YALSA and the cooperating publishers are therefore offering one year's worth of review materials as a contribution to up to three libraries in need through this application process. Applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Why the collection is needed in their community.
- Why the collection is needed in their institution.
- How acquiring the collection will help them better serve the youth of their community.
- That the library's commitment to intellectual freedom and equity of access for young adults is supported by an up-to-date, board-approved collection development policy which is based upon the guidelines in the Intellectual Freedom Manual (ALA, 1996) and/or Censorship and Selection: Issues and Answers for Schools by Henry Reichman (ALA, 2001).

More information is available online on the [YALSA website](#).

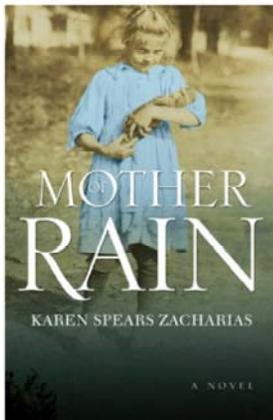
WVLC Notices

- **May 8 - Primary Election Day:** WVLC is closed
- **May 17:** Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony, 2:00 pm, Culture Center, Charleston
- **May 28 - Memorial Day:** WVLC is closed
- **Fayette County Public Library:** Samantha Hale is the new Library Director
- **Kanawha County Public Library:** April Wallace is the new Assistant Director
- **Kanawha County Public Library:** Job opening for Library Director
- **Louis Bennett Public Library:** Job opening for Library Director
- **Parkersburg-Wood County Public Library:** Job opening for an Adult Services Librarian
- **Kaubisch Public Library, Fostoria, OH:** Job opening for Library Director



One Book One West Virginia Returns for 2018!

For the 13th consecutive year, the West Virginia Library Commission and West Virginia Center for the Book are sponsoring the state's most important statewide discussion group: **One Book One West Virginia**. Each year, one book by an Appalachian author is selected for the program, and the 2018 selection is the debut novel by Karen Spears Zacharias, *Mother of Rain*.



In *Mother of Rain*, Zacharias writes about a small, close-knit, East Tennessee community as the Depression yields to World War II. *Mother of Rain* is an exploration of the nature of community in a rural setting and is the 2013 Weatherford Award winner for best novel in Southern Appalachian fiction.

One Book One West Virginia invites everyone across the state to read the same book and take part in detailed group conversations about the book's unfolding storyline. Readers are urged to join book discussion groups and attend related events, such as meeting the author, character portrayals, movies, and workshops.

Make sure your library takes part in this great project and encourage your patrons to join the conversation on the [WVLC Facebook page](#).



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to the DISCUSSION!

WVLC Book Discussion GROUP

Featured Book of the Month!

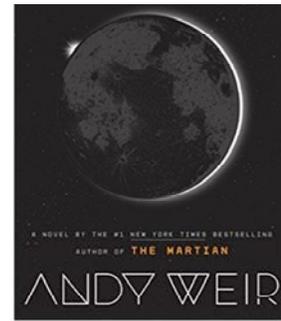
Artemis

by Andy Weir

The bestselling author of *The Martian* returns with an irresistible new near-future thriller--a heist story set on the moon.

Jazz Bashara is a criminal. Well, sort of. Life on Artemis, the first and only city on the moon, is tough if you're not a rich tourist or an eccentric billionaire. So smuggling in the occasional harmless bit of contraband barely counts, right? Not when you've got debts to pay and your job as a porter barely covers the rent.

Everything changes when Jazz sees the chance to commit the perfect crime, with a reward too lucrative to turn down. But pulling off the impossible is just the start of her problems, as she learns that she's stepped square into a conspiracy for control of Artemis itself—and that now, her only chance at survival lies in a gambit even riskier than the first.

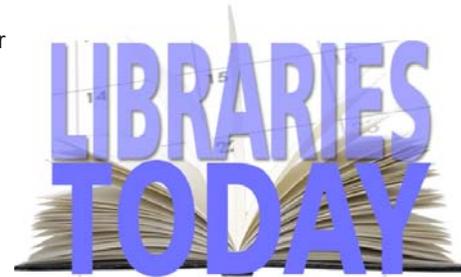


Contact Library & Development Services to request this book for your book group at 304-558-2041 or at susan.p.bailey@wv.gov.

Check out the Latest Edition of *Libraries Today!*

Libraries come in all sizes. Some, like the Library of Congress, offer millions of items in their collection and employ thousands of workers. Other libraries wield their magic in small towns all across the country.

In this month's episode of *Libraries Today*, we visit with the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, and West Virginia librarians Beth Anderson and Donna Goontz to discuss how libraries impact their communities, regardless of size.



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

Take Part in the Great American Read!



The Great American Read, an 8-episode PBS documentary series focused on the role of reading in American Culture, debuts on May 22 at 8 p.m. with a two-hour program that will reveal a list of 100 best-loved books chosen by the American public and a panel of literary and publishing professionals. Over the course of the summer and fall, *The Great American Read* will encourage readers across the country to vote on the list of 100 books, selecting a top ten list of the most-beloved books and one book at number one.

The West Virginia Library Commission is partnering with West Virginia Public Broadcasting to promote this exciting literary event. Posters and bookmarks will be provided to all 171 public libraries in the state, and the WVLC encourages libraries to take part in the program throughout the summer and fall. In addition to selecting America's favorite book, WVLC and WVPB will also track West Virginia readers' votes and determine the Mountain State's favorite book.

Is your favorite book on the Great American Read list? Find out May 22.

PSAs for Summer Reading Are Online



PSA's are up from the Collaborative Summer Library Program which include Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, Spanish language and more! Watch, share and "like" the videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/csllpreads>. When sharing on social media, please use #CSLPreads #LibrariesRock

There are downloadable PSA versions for you to share with local media and the Audio/Radio WAV files of the "Summer Time" song for program use available on the member side of www.csllpreads.org under Proprietary Downloads.



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Highlighted Content from WebJunction

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

- [New National Study Reveals Voter Perceptions in Libraries](#): The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, and the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, in partnership with OCLC, released the report, *From Awareness to Funding: Voter Perceptions and Support of Public Libraries in 2018*. The research updates OCLC's seminal 2008 study that explored voter perceptions, use, and attitudes toward public libraries, librarians, and library funding.
- [Librarians Who Wikipedia: Karen Kast, Eagle Mountain City Public Library](#): When Karen Kast, from a small, rural library in Utah, took the Wikipedia + Libraries training program, she quickly connected the dots between Wikipedia and librarianship. Three months later, transformations for Kast and her library are underway. Kast is now organizing Wikipedia training sessions with her colleagues and helping patrons use Wikipedia effectively for research. We caught up with Kast to learn more.

Upcoming Webinars

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

Building a Culture of Learning with Library Boards

Thursday, May 24, 2018 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here](#).

Libraries that cultivate a culture of learning encourage their staff to participate in continuing education. But shouldn't this learning culture also extend to library boards? At the State Library of Iowa, we say yes! Trustees can and should play a key role in fostering a culture of learning at their libraries—beginning with themselves. When library boards embrace a learning culture, they become more receptive to supporting continuing education, in policy, planning, and budgeting. This webinar presents ideas for growing board learning into a blossoming culture that motivates board members to see education and training as a natural part of their trusteeship.

This webinar is hosted in collaboration with the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#).

Presented by: **Bonnie McKewon**, Consultant, State Library of Iowa, Northwest District

Taking Community Partnerships to the Next Level

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here](#).

Community partnerships have the power to meet your library's strategic goals, expand your reach and amplify what's great in your community. You already pursue partnerships, but you can take them to the next level, or beyond! Help your community achieve its aspirations by creating partnerships built on solid relationships, mutual respect and SMART goals. Learn from the successes, failures and lessons of real-world examples. You will forge stronger community-led libraries where goals and values are aligned, and collaboration leads to innovation.

Presented by: **Audrey Barbakoff**, Community Engagement and Economic Development Manager, King County Library System



WebJunction Events Calendar

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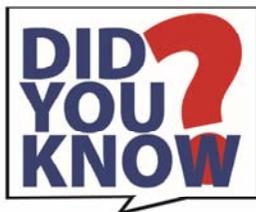
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Information School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Webinar Series

UW-Madison is offering a series of **FREE** webinars as part of its 2018 Webinar Series:

- **May 1** at 1 pm: **Tutorial Creation 101**. Stephanie King, ('13), Public Services Librarian, Illinois Valley Community College
- **May 15** at 1 pm: **Academic Library Space Planning**. Charles Forrest ('79), 21st Century Libraries Consulting

Read full descriptions at the [UW-Madison website](#).



The Calhoun County Public Library was started in the 1930's by the Grantsville Senior Women's Club. After being housed in several locations during the 40's and 50's, it moved to its current facility in 1968. The structure was renovated in 1994. Over the years, the library has shown steady growth and now serves over 7,600 residents in Calhoun County.

Mark Your Calendar!



- May:** Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
- April 30-May 6:** Children's Book Week
- May 1-14:** Choose Privacy Week
- May 4:** Star Wars Day
- May 6:** National Beverage Day
- May 7-8:** National Library Legislative Day
- May 22:** The Great American Read - 100 books revealed



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