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From the Secretary

February 2019

February is Library Lovers' Month. What better way to launch it than with dynamic, interactive displays in the Capitol Rotunda? WVLA's **Library Appreciation Day** on **February 4th** includes attendance at floor sessions of the House and Senate, office visits with legislators, and Select-a-Book opportunities for legislators. It culminates with a reception in the Culture Center and presentation of the Library Commission Librarian of the Year and Library Champions Awards.



If you haven't already made plans to celebrate during the rest of the month, the Library Lovers' Month website (<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/library-lovers-month/>) and Pinterest are full of ideas. It is a great opportunity to invite comments from library lovers in your community via social media, comment cards, post-it notes, bulletin boards, etc. The important thing is to highlight not only the services of the library but also its value to the community.

- Libraries empower children to become lifelong learners.
- As baby boomers experience declining physical, hearing and vision capabilities, public libraries can be sources of accessible programming and technology to encourage independence.

- Libraries host free classes and community events for learning a new skill, craft, or hobby and for exploring new ideas.
- Libraries help people find jobs.
- Libraries provide endless possibilities for everyone to **Explore, Discover, and Create**.



Jeanette M. Rowsey, WVLA Trustees Division Chair

Last month, WVLC Secretary Karen Goff discussed “Books, Buildings and Broadband” as a framing phrase in our legislative advocacy work. Now that we’re into the nitty-gritty of the 60-day West Virginia Legislative Session, it’s time to put these ideas into action!

This coming Monday, February 4 - **Library Appreciation Day at the State Capitol** - offers a wonderful and supportive opportunity for trustees, Friends of the Library groups and other library advocates to meet with our legislators and each other. But even if you can’t make it to Charleston, be prepared to make your voice heard effectively throughout the session, which concludes March 9.

ALA’s United for Libraries current newsletter, *The Voice for America’s Libraries*, contains tips and insights, including an article from Friends of Kentucky Libraries, which emphasizes the importance of our role as volunteer advocates. “Legislators and decision makers expect to hear from librarians, but the efforts of Trustees and Friends as they advocate for libraries are often more powerful.” The authors describe how, in response to a bill that would have done severe harm to public libraries, advocates from across Kentucky called, sent emails and met with legislatures to restore funding and secure independent appointment of trustees.

If you haven’t already done so, use these web links and tips to get ready for those powerful conversations—

1. Be aware of legislative action on 2019 bills and resolutions that impact our public libraries. During the session, the Library Commission posts a [Legislative Update on its website](#) that is updated every Friday.
2. Hop on the website www.wvlegislature.gov to see the names, faces, contact information and committee assignments of your district [Delegates](#) and [Senators](#).
3. Be ready with a 1-2 minute personal story about your community—ALA suggests using a real person, with a real problem, a library intervention, a happy ending) and a “phrase that pays” (I personally like “Libraries are a smart investment”).



Grant Opportunities for Catalogers

The Library Commission is offering **Continuing Education Micro-Grants** to libraries for experienced copy catalogers to learn original **cataloging skills, authority control, and subject analysis**. Catalogers with original cataloging experience are also invited to apply. The following courses are eligible for the micro-grants:

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services

[Original Cataloging of Monographs using RDA](#)

This is a series of three 2-hour webinars on February 12, 13, & 14 or March 19, 20, & 21.

[Original Cataloging of Videos & DVDs using RDA](#)

This is a series of three, 2-hour webinars on January 22, 23, & 24.

[Copy-Cataloging of Videos & DVDs](#)

This is a series of three, 2-hour webinars on April 23, 24, & 25.

Amigos Library Services

[RDA for Video Recordings](#)

This course consists of two, 2-hour sessions on March 6 & 7.

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services

[Fundamentals of Cataloging](#)

This is a six-week asynchronous online course being offered in 5 different sessions. All five sessions are eligible for scholarship.

Session dates are:

Session 1: January 14 – February 22

Session 2: March 25 – May 3

Session 3: May 20 – June 28

Session 4: August 5 – September 13

Session 5: October 21 – December 6

To apply for a micro-grant, please use the attached fillable PDF and email application to michelle.l.kubiak@wv.gov. Successful applicants will be notified via email.



Library Appreciation Day at the Legislature



Library Appreciation Day at the Legislature is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at the state capitol in Charleston. The West Virginia Library Association again sponsors the day to bring attention to the needs of libraries in the state.

Librarians are encouraged to take part by attending legislative sessions and creating a visible presence in Charleston that day. As part of the event, the WVLA hosts a Legislative Reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Culture Center's Great Hall. If interested in attending, contact Judy Rule at jrule@cabell.lib.wv.us for details.

Library Commission Holds 1st Meeting of the New Year

The West Virginia Library Commission meets for the first time in 2019 on Monday, February 4th. The session is scheduled for 3:30 PM in the Childers Room at WVLC offices in the Culture Center. Afterwards, commissioners meet with state lawmakers at the WVLA Legislative Reception in the Culture Center's Great Hall.

WVLC to Announce Winners of Librarian of the Year and Library Champions Awards

The West Virginia Library Commission announces its 2019 Award winners on February 4th. The Librarian of the Year Award honors a single employee of a public library for his or her contributions to the library community in 2018. The Library Champions Award will be presented to individuals, such as trustees, volunteers, and patrons, who made exceptional contributions to public libraries in the past year.



Last year, Paulette Kirby of the Monroe County Public Library was the inaugural winner of the Librarian of the Year award. Jim Morgan of Cabell County, Mina Goodrich of Jefferson County, and Jeff Pyle of Mineral County were the winners of the 2018 Library Champion awards.

Library Commission Chairman Betty Gunnoe presents the awards to this year's winners at the Legislative reception on February 4th.

2018 WVLC Reports Are Now Available

The 2018 Annual Report and the 2018 Statistical Report are now available on the WVLC website. To view the latest reports, please visit the [Library Commission Publications page](#). Annual and Statistical Reports from prior years, as well as archived Library Lookout editions, are also available.

ALA Traveling Exhibition Opportunity

The ALA is offering Public Libraries the opportunity to take part in the upcoming national tour of the traveling exhibition *Thinking Money for Kids*. *Thinking Money for Kids* is a new financial literacy experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit will help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charity giving.

50 U.S. public libraries will be selected to display the exhibition between 2019 and 2021. Applications are being accepted until **Feb. 8, 2019**. Learn more and apply online: <https://apply.ala.org/thinkingmoneykids>.



Good News for Read Aloud West Virginia

Read Aloud West Virginia has received a major donation from UPS Store, Inc. The group, which promotes reading across the state, was selected by UPS as one of 10 nonprofits in the country to receive \$10,000 worth of books from the Scholastic Corporation. Read Aloud Executive Director, Mary Kay Bond, says the books will be distributed to schools and school libraries in the state. Read Aloud currently serves 32 counties in West Virginia.



New EBSCO Posters Now Available

Looking for flyers, posters, bookmarks and other materials to help you market your library resources to your users? EBSCO can help!

EBSCO offers a wide range of promotional materials for libraries, including these new digital awareness posters, promoting online security.



Download these posters for free by visiting the EBSCO website.



Learn how public libraries are using [EBSCO to support education initiatives and lifelong learning](#).



WVLC Notices

- **February 4:** Library Appreciation Day at the Legislature
- **February 4:** Library Commission Meeting, 3:30 pm in the Childers Room at the Culture Center
- **February 4:** 2019 Library Commission awards presentation, 5:00 pm in the Culture Center's Great Hall
- **February 14:** Valentine's Day
- **February 18 - President's Day:** WVLC is closed
- **Princeton Public Library:** Sheena Johnson is the new Director
- **Green Bank Public Library:** Jane Mospan has retired after 38 years - Hallie Herold is the new Branch Manager

- **Fayette County Public Library:** Job opening for a Library Director
- **Buffalo Creek Memorial Library:** Elizabeth Tackett has retired - Job opening for a Library Director
- **Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives:** Job opening for a Regional Library Consultant

Harry Potter Comes to the Shepherdstown Public Library

The Shepherdstown Public Library has begun a seven-month long celebration of Harry Potter and the 7 books in the Harry Potter series. Library patrons between the ages of 10 and 18 are able to take part in a Harry Potter book discussion and Hogwarts "class" that will include a STEAM project. Participants are sorted into Houses, provided with wands, and, following the book discussions, will take a "Charms" class.

Each month the various Houses will earn points based on book discussion participation, quizzes, and completing Hogwarts classwork. The winning House will have its colors displayed at the library's final event on July 27th in celebration of Harry Potter's birthday.



JOIN
and
ADD
to the DISCUSSION!

WVLC Book Discussion GROUP

and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

"The kind of book that can be life-changing." —The New York Times

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

Featured Book of the Month!

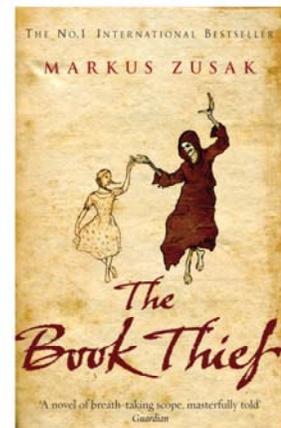
Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath.

Death has never been busier,



A Look Back at 2018 on *Libraries Today!*

The WVLC TV Studio looks back at 2018 in the latest edition of *Libraries Today*.



The February episode revisits our conversation with the U.S. Librarian of Congress, discusses genealogy and libraries, examines the history of the WVLC, and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Library Television Network.



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



CONTINUING EDUCATION

[Click Here to Read More About the WVLC Continuing Education Requirements for Directors & Staff](#)

	<p>View Upcoming & Archived Webinars</p> <p>CLICK HERE</p> 
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University of Wisconsin-Madison Offers Online Professional Development

New Courses Every Semester

ischool.wisc.edu/continuing-education/

Spring 2019 Courses

NEW! [Introduction to Web Archiving](#)

Feb 4 - Mar 17

[Fostering Inclusivity in the Library](#)

Feb 4 - Mar 3

[Creating Positive Library Work Environments](#)

Feb 4 - Mar 3

[Basic Public Library Administration](#)

Feb 11 - May 5

[Babies in the Library](#)

Feb 11 - Mar 24

NEW! [Managing Children's and YA Collections](#)

Feb 18 - March 24

[Prune Your Collection: Creating a Weeding Plan](#)

Feb 18 - Mar 17

NEW! [YA Literature with LGBTQ+ Content: Finding it, evaluating it, using it](#)

Feb 18 - Mar 17

[Graphic Design for Librarians](#)

Apr 8 - May 5

[Library Services and Programs for Older Adults](#)

Apr 8 - May 5

[Introduction to User Experience](#)

Apr 8 - May 19



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Featured Upcoming Online Classes:

- [Creating and Preserving Oral Histories](#) - 2/6
- [Customer Service Basics for Any Librarian](#) - 2/12
- [Community-Supported Software Today](#) - 2/26
- [DAMS for LAMS: Selecting a Digital Asset Management System for your Library, Archive, or Museum](#) - 2/28
- [The Emerging Future: Technology Issues and Trends](#) - 3/5
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing from the Middle](#) - 3/12
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel](#) - 3/21
- [Online Instructional Design for Librarians](#) - 3/27



Highlighted Content from WebJunction

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

- [Transform Your Library with WebJunction](#): WebJunction has a big opportunity for small libraries in 2019. We're expanding our Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project, which is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), making it available to 15 more small libraries. The selected libraries will collaborate with their communities to transform a space in their library to encourage more hands-on, participatory active learning. Learn more and apply before the January 18 deadline. This is going to be fun!
- [Learning Together the Supercharged Way](#): WebJunction's Facilitator Guide for Supercharged Storytimes is available to anyone who would like to use it in a learning group. The guide can be used to facilitate any learning group and customized to learn together on any topic. The guide includes Tactics and Tips for Success, Logistics and Checklists, and Module Discussion Guides that contain supplemental discussion questions and activities, suitable for a group learning setting.

Upcoming Webinars

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

Reduce Waste, Build Community: Hosting Repair Events at Your Library

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here.](#)

Libraries around the world are hosting repair events, inviting people to bring damaged household items and clothing to be repaired instead of throwing them away. Repair events can help your library reach diverse communities, teach and maintain valuable repair skills, and engage with skilled volunteers and invested community partners. Help your patrons save money on electronic, mechanical or sewing repairs and divert waste from the landfill with fix-it fairs, repair cafes and U-fix-it clinics. Join us for this webinar to learn everything you need to know about hosting a repair event, from finding partners to recruiting fixers, and from getting management approval to effectively getting the word out.

Presented by: **Tom Watson**, Project Manager, King County EcoConsumer Public Outreach Program, King County Solid Waste Division, Seattle; **Laurie Finlayson**, Adult Services Librarian for Auburn, Algona-Pacific and Muckleshoot

Libraries, King County Library System; **Steven Bailey**, Librarian Services Manager, Auburn, Algona-Pacific, and Muckleshoot Libraries, King County Library System

Help Teens Build Financial Well-being at Your Library

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

[Register here.](#)

As children grow, their potential to manage money and understand financial concepts grows as well. The knowledge, skills, and behaviors kids learn when they are young lay the groundwork for their financial well-being as adults, and libraries can play a role in building these important financial literacy skills.

The CFPB released [youth financial education](#) content with a robust set of activities for teen financial education programming. While designed for a classroom, these activities can be translated into youth financial education programming in your library. A robust search feature provides access to free high school activities to teach the building blocks of financial capability on topics ranging from saving for short-term goals, to preventing fraud and identity theft, to budgeting and managing credit. Join us to learn how to help your teen patrons become empowered to navigate their financial futures

Presented by: **Leslie Jones**, Youth Financial Education Analyst, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Events - WebJunction Events Calendar

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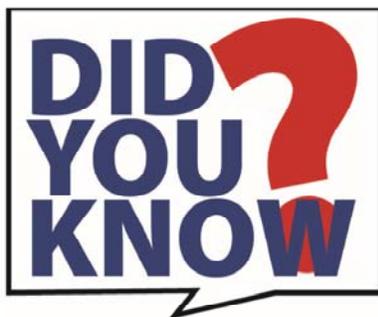
To view a complete list of past WebJunction webinars, go to: [WebJunction Event Archives](#)



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. [Catalog >](#)

[Click to View »](#)



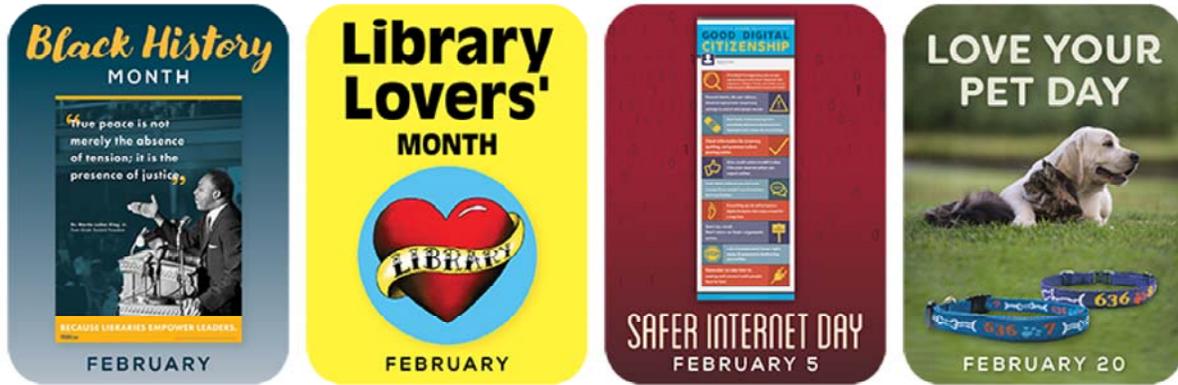
The Vienna Public Library was established by the Vienna Woman's Club in 1954 and reorganized under an independent Board of Trustees through the City of Vienna in 1973. Originally housed in old school buildings in the city, the library moved to its current facility in 1976. The Vienna Public Library serves nearly 11,000 residents in Vienna and Wood County.

Mark Your Calendar!



February: Black History Month
February: National Library Lovers Month
February 12: Lincoln's Birthday

- February 14:** Valentine's Day
February 18: President's Day
February 20: Love Your Pet Day
February 22: Washington's Birthday



You're the Super Star! Have a story to tell or a photo to share?
 Click Here to Email Us!

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