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a message from...
the West Virginia Library Commission

I read somewhere that education is something that is done to you while learning is something you do for yourself. In a more sarcastic vein, I also saw the following on a tee shirt “You can lead a man to knowledge. But you can’t make him think”. I hope all of you are both learning and thinking. When advocating for libraries, I often point out that libraries are places of lifelong learning for people of all ages, situations, and education levels. They are also places of learning for those who work there.

The WVLA Spring Fling Conference, coming up next month is another opportunity for learning what is going on in libraries across the state and for picking up new knowledge and skills I am really looking forward to **Libraries as Centers for Civic Engagement** presented by Kent Spellman, Executive Director of [The WV Economic Development Hub](#). The Hub is doing great work in West Virginia communities.

If you work in a library I hope you are planning on attending. If you are a trustee I hope you support the attendance of the library staff and can find time to attend yourself. Library Directors, please remember that the WVLC Continuing Education requirement for Directors specifies that 4 of 8 required hours must be earned at a conference.

[WebJunction](#) is another great learning source. The most recent WebJunction newsletter highlights [Supervisor Success: Development Programs](#) (a three-hour symposium) on March 31, and ideas on how to how to nourish strong partnerships to [foster health education](#). If you just have time to read a brief article, the Urban Libraries Council released a new Leadership Brief titled [Building Connected Communities](#) that highlights the role of libraries in a technology-driven world. The article identifies six action strategies to achieve opportunities for the entire community.

We are all busy doing our jobs but we need to remember that learning is part of the job too.

Karen Goff
WVLC Executive Secretary



LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Legislative updates are being posted under "Latest Updates" on the [WVLC home web page](#).
[Legislative Update 03-04-16](#).

Personalized Bill Tracking List

Libraryalive - 2016 Regular Session					
Bill	Title	SA(Same As)/ SI(Similar To)	Last Action	Committee Reference	Notes
SB 265	Allowing library volunteers necessary access to user records		03/03/16 - To House On 2nd reading, Special Calendar 2nd Reading, Special Calendar		House Reference 1 - Judiciary Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization Senate Reference 2 - Judiciary
SB 299	Creating Library Facilities Improvement Fund	SI HB4488	03/02/16 - To House House Finance		House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Finance Senate Reference 1 - Education Senate Reference 2 - Finance
HB 4246	Changing the Martinsburg Public Library to the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library		03/02/16 - To Senate Communicated to Senate Update: Tabled by Senate Government Organization Committee		House Reference 1 - Political Subdivisions House Reference 2 - Government Organization

LINKS:

[SB 265](#)

[SB 299](#)

[HB 4246](#)

[SI HB4488](#)



TRUSTEE TIPS

BYLAWS

The Library Commission recently asked all libraries to send in a copy of the Board's bylaws. Thanks to every library that complied and to those that are going to comply. Writing bylaws is one of the first duties of a Board specified in Chapter 10 of the West Virginia Code but that should not be the only time bylaws are considered. It is important for all library Boards to have current bylaws and for all trustees to be familiar with them. Bylaws ensure consistency and objectivity. They define the structure and function of the Board and how it operates. In addition, bylaws are critical if the Board is ever questioned, or worse, sued. Make sure yours are up to date.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin Makes the Following Appointments to the WVLC

- Dennis Taylor, Third Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2018.
- Mary Bland Strickland, First Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2019.
- Katy White, Second Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2019.
- Betty Gunnoe, Second Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2016.
- Connie Shumate, Third Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2017.
- David B. Dalzell, First Congressional District for the term (reappointment) ending June 30, 2017.
- David Nalker, Third Congressional District for the term ending June 30, 2017. He succeeds The Honorable Dennis Altizer.
- Charles A. Julian, Ph.D., First Congressional District for the term ending June 30, 2018. He succeeds Merle Moore.
- Debra K. Sullivan, Second Congressional District for the term ending June 30, 2016. She succeeds Charles A. Julian.

EBSCO Solar

Re-energize Your Library... Go Solar with EBSCO

After seeing the benefits of “going green” on its own campus, EBSCO is introducing a grant so libraries interested in adding their own solar arrays can do so...on us. EBSCO is soliciting grant applications to help libraries in the United States go solar. EBSCO is making a total of \$150,000 to one or more libraries to fund solar installations that will allow the winning libraries to reduce their utilities expenditures and, if allowed in their state, to sell back electricity to the grid.

Submissions are due by April 29, 2016, and the winner(s) will be announced by June 24, 2016.

[CLICK HERE to LEARN MORE or to APPLY](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

[Click Here to Read More About the West Virginia Yearly Requirements for Directors & Staff](#)



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Building Blocks for
Healthy Communities



2016 Join Jackson Masvin and Growin'



Gardening George Washington

- * Trade ideas with people from all over the state who are doing great things.
 - * Get inspired, learn, plan your next steps.
 - * Apply for a mini-grant for your healthier-community project!
 - * Help build a statewide movement!
 - * Have lots of fun.
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[CLICK HERE for MORE DETAILS](#)

When: Thursday June 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM EDT -to- Saturday June 4, 2016 at 3:00 PM EDT

West Virginia Wesleyan College

59 College Ave.
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Scholarships: A limited amount of financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[CLICK HERE for MORE INFORMATION](#)



LIBRARY 2.016 Worldwide Virtual Conference

Free, Online Seminar: Privacy in the Digital Age
San Jose State University
March 16, 2016 ~ 12-3 pm PDT
Library2016.com [Click Here for More Information >>](#)

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Upcoming Webinars

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

[Purposeful Innovation: Idea Management for Libraries](#)

◆ **Tuesday, March 15, 2016** ◆ **3 pm Eastern**

Sooner or later, all libraries need to realign or reinvent services and workflows to respond to shifting community needs, but there's often a disconnect between ideas generated by staff on the front lines and the decisions made by management.

[CLICK HERE to VIEW OUR WEBINAR CALENDAR](#)



We Hate to See You Go... Molly

Krichten has resigned as Library Development Director in order to pursue a new career in Pennsylvania. We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication while working for the Library Commission. We're sure that she will enlighten minds wherever she goes next. Best of luck!

fellow librarians...

Molly wanted to share a few words with her

Dear Librarians of West Virginia:

It has been a privilege to serve you over the last year and a half. Living and working in WV has been a life changing experience for me and I owe that to you. You inspire me. For those who called me with problems, know that they were my favorite calls to receive. The Library Commission is here to serve you and it has been my pleasure to do so.

So thank you. Thank you for understanding when I got lost on my way to your library. Thank you for not making fun of my accent. Thank you for showing me how critically important libraries are to the communities of West Virginia. Thank you for being the most wonderful part of "Wild & Wonderful." I am so grateful.

Please keep in touch! My email is mollykrichten@hotmail.com

Stay curious, stay humble -

Molly Krichten



MONEY SMART WEEK

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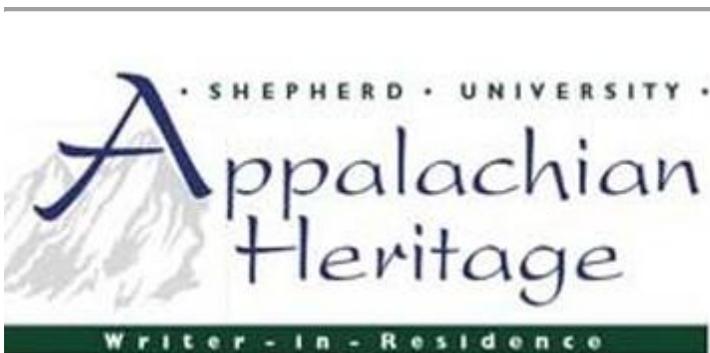
SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 23 – 30, 2016

Created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002, Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration and coordinated effort of hundreds of organizations across the country. Programming is offered to all demographics and income levels and covers all facets of personal finance. Partnering Organizations will host their events April 23 - 30, 2016.

Become a Money Smart Partner »



The **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation** is accepting applications from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories to its mini-grants program. The funding program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students. Applicants must be located in the U.S. or its commonwealths or territories, including Puerto Rico and Guam. **Deadline is March 31, 2016.** [CLICK HERE to READ MORE](#) about the Mini-Grants.



Announcing the 2016 West Virginia Fiction Competition, supported by the West Virginia Center for the Book and Shepherd University. The competition is **open to all West Virginia students and writers** and is part of The Appalachian Heritage

Writers' Project and Appalachian Heritage Festival. Both events are supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council and The Shepherd University Foundation. **Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2016.** [CLICK HERE for MORE INFORMATION.](#)



2016 Writers Contest: January 5 - March 31, 2016

Each year, WQED, PBS39, WITF, WPSU and West Virginia Public Broadcasting encourage children in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, in Kindergarten through 5th grade, to create their own stories and take part in the PBS KIDS Writers Contest. [CLICK HERE to READ MORE](#)



Mary H. Weir (Weirton) Public Library in Hancock County Welcomes Police Officer Training

Certified in emergency preparedness, A. J. Lucas is conducting a training session for Police Chief Rob Alexander and 40 other Weirton police officers in the Weirton PL media center. Thank you to WVLC Network Services and WVNET for supporting the free internet connections throughout WV public libraries!

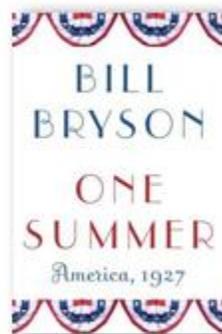


WVLC Book Discussion GROUP
JOIN and ADD to the DISCUSSION!

Featured Book of the Month!

One Summer by Bill Bryson

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



“A lively account of 1927’s events and its cast of characters, both well known and long forgotten. . . [Bryson] has a keen eye for amusing and arresting tidbits of information.”

— *San Francisco Chronicle*



Happy Birthday Dr. Suess!

**Swaney Memorial PL
Celebrates "Read Across America" Day**



Mark Your Calendar!



March 6-12: Teen Tech Week

April: School Library Month, National Poetry Month

April 7, 8: WVLA Spring Fling Conference

April 10-16: National Library Week

April 13: National Bookmobile Day

April 21: Poem in Your Pocket Day

April 23-30: Money Smart Week



***Congratulations! You've read down to the bottom of the newsletter!
Be the first to answer correctly and win a prize!***

West Virginia's 97 main libraries occupy a total of 859,718 square feet. The smallest main has 724 square feet; the largest 66,150. Do you know who they are?

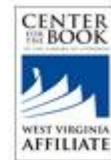
[Email Us Your Answer](#)

Answer and winner will be announced next newsletter.

February Question: West Virginia's 75 branch libraries occupy a total of 224,813 square feet. The smallest branch has 429 square feet; the largest 10,928. **Answer:** Smallest: Marmet (Kanawha County PL) Largest : St. Albans (Kanawha County PL) **Winner:** No one got it right, but we are sending Sheila Roush a prize for the most guesses!

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

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