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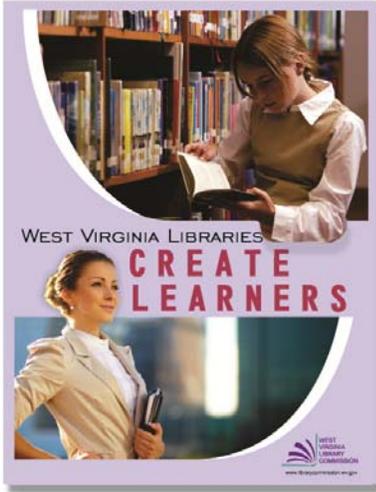
the West Virginia Library Commission

Last month I stated that the 2017 state budget, and consequently the Library Commission budget, were in limbo. Although a budget bill (HB 101) was passed Thursday evening (6/2/2016), there is still uncertainty. Many believe that the Governor will veto the bill.

As passed, HB 101 includes a 2% cut to the General Revenue section of the Library Commission budget. The

Library Commission uses General Revenue for personnel, utilities, services to the blind, and the BRIM (insurance) premium.

HB 101 includes a \$7,669 increase in the Lottery Revenue section of the Library Commission budget. Grants-in-Aid, also known as Grants to Public Libraries, is funded from Lottery Revenue. HB 101 does not cut Grants-in-Aid. As soon as there is any further news about the state budget, I will send a message out to all public library directors and board presidents.



Meanwhile, I hope all public libraries have received and displayed the “West Virginia Libraries Create Learners” poster. We will be sending the poster to academic libraries in the next week or so. If you would like additional posters, please contact Stan Howell, (stan.b.howell@wv.gov) and he will accommodate the requests as the supply permits.

Karen Goff
WVLC Executive Secretary



TRUSTEE TIPS

Policy Making

The Library Commission requires all libraries receiving state aid to formally adopt and forward to the Commission policies covering library operations, collection development, personnel, and technology (Library Commission Administrative Rule 3.12.c).

Policy making is one of the most important functions of a library board of trustees. Policies are general statements governing library operations, rules, and use. They are vital tools that do much to determine the orderly success of the library and the course of its future development. Policies should be flexible rather than overly rigid, and should be reviewed on a regular basis. The **board of trustees** is responsible for adopting written policies to govern and guide all phases of library operation.

Policies should be tailored to local conditions and should flow from the library’s mission statement and service responses. It is the responsibility of the library director to implement board policies through the development of library procedure. When all elements of the process are in place, the library director and staff have direction of the day-to-day operation of the library, and both the public and the staff are assured of consistent treatment in all

aspects of library service. While only boards of trustees usually have the legal responsibility and authority to make policy, experience shows that the process works best when the library director and staff are involved in researching options, drafting policies, and presenting a report, including recommendations to the board.

Policy Checklist

1. Does your library have a comprehensive policy manual?
2. Does the board periodically reevaluate policies?
3. Is a copy of the latest policy manual on file at the West Virginia Library Commission?
4. Are all policies and policy changes communicated to all staff members?
5. Are you familiar with all the policies adopted by the board?
6. Do you stand ready to defend the policies if they are challenged?

For more details on policies see [WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S MANUAL 2012 Edition](#)



- Betty Gunnoe was re-elected as Chair of the Library Commission at the May meeting.
- Summers County PL: Myra Ziegler is retiring effective June 30. Austin Persinger will be Director effective July 1.
- McDowell Public Library: Donna Morgan retired effective May 31. Andrea Moorfield is the new Director.

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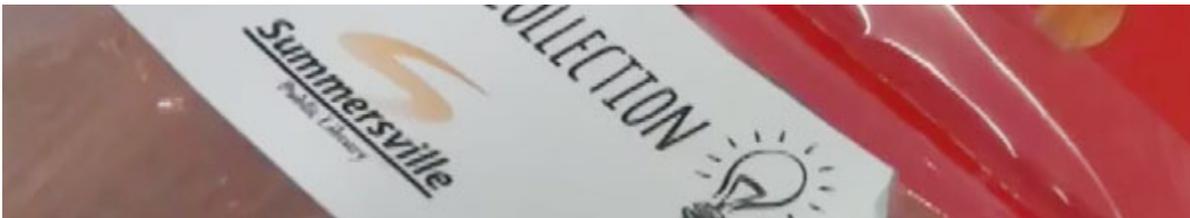


Featured Left to Right: Michaela Torian, Patricia Bradley, Stan Howell and Corey Crowder

Special Guests Appear on the Set of "Libraries Today" for Summer Reading Conversation

The WV Library Commission invited two local broadcasting students from Charleston to help co-host the May episode of "Libraries Today" with Stan Howell. The Library Commission reached out to the media teacher at Capital High School, Patricia Bradley, and asked if she had two top-notch students interested in pursuing a career in front of or behind the camera. What a great learning process for the both of them! Thanks to Michaela Torian and Corey Crowder for all of the hard work and a job well done! [Watch the May Episode of Libraries Today: 2016 Summer Reading](#) to view these two stellar students!

The May Summer Reading episode also features the Curiosity Collection in Summersville PL. [Take a Look!](#)





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of Congress Magazine (May/June 2016) takes a peek at [Robert Dawson's Public Library Survey Collection](#) and includes a photo of **Shepherdstown Public Library** within the article – "Diversity of the American Library". From 1994-2015, Mr. Dawson has captured public libraries in a variety of settings and locations. He focuses on their diversity, architecture, and the history behind them.

"There's just an infinite amount of very interesting small libraries, midsize libraries, as well, throughout the country. And they all kind of are just so interesting in terms of representing the communities and what's unique about our country." ~ Robert Dawson

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Jackson Co. Public Library

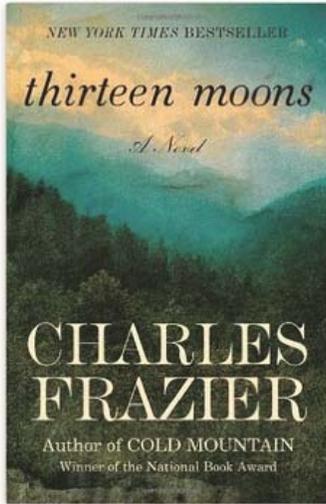


2nd Annual

Ripley, WV
Great Fun Had By All!
at the Jackson County PL



Statewide Book Group Ignites Conversations



In 2006, the West Virginia Library Commission and West Virginia Center for the Book, initiated the state-wide book discussion group: *One Book, One West Virginia*. This literacy project invites everyone across the state to read the same book and take part in detailed group conversations about the book's unfolding storyline. To accomplish this goal, participants are urged to join book discussion groups and attend related special events, such as meeting the author, character portrayals, movies, and workshops.

Libraries are encouraged to promote *One Book, One West Virginia* and the selected book, *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier, with their patrons.

- [Learn more about Charles Frazier](#)

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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Summer Reading Is Here!

Be Excited! Be Creative! Have Fun!

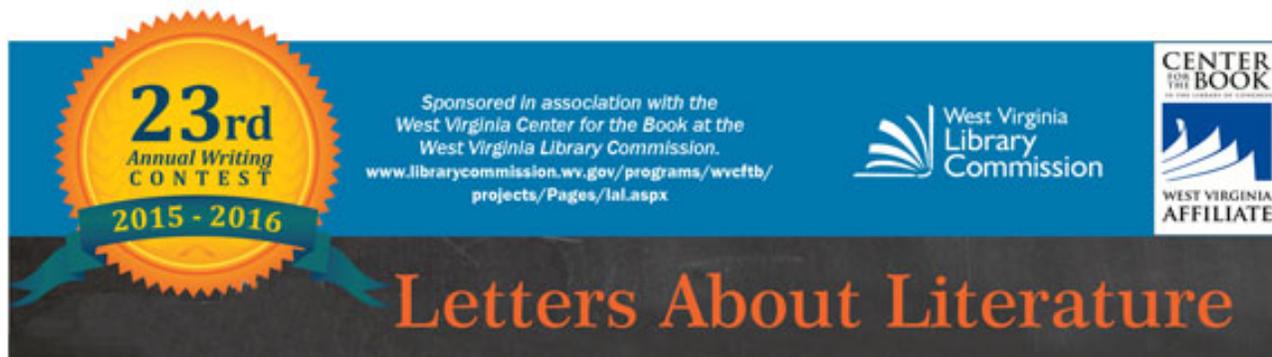
Find unique ways to motivate community members to participate in summer reading events. [Share ideas and photos with the Library Commission.](#) *We would love to see libraries in action!*

Get Readers Excited!

- [Reading Challenge List](#)
- [Book Coupons](#): Hide these coupons in books around the library and let the patron redeem them for a prize
- [Punch Card Reading Incentive](#)
- Advertise on your web page: [Parkersburg & Wood County](#)
- Event reminders in your newsletter

- Advertise on Community Tack Boards

Collaborative Summer Library Program »



23rd Letters About Literature Writing Contest Announces Winners

Read. Be Inspired. Write Back

The WV Center for the Book, an affiliate of the national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, held the 2016 *Letters About Literature* awards ceremony at the West Virginia Culture Center on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Local author Anna Egan Smucker spoke at the event where the state level recipients were also recognized.

This year 768 students from West Virginia were among the more than 47,000 students nationwide who wrote *Letters About Literature*. Those receiving “Top Honors” advance to the national level judging. The Library of Congress will announce all National and National Honor Winners and awards and will list all state-level winners on its website: www.read.gov/letters/.

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Can We Talk?

No, really -- can we?

At this crucial moment for the future of Appalachia, we must keep trying to find ways to talk and work together.

- Even when we don't see eye to eye.
- Especially when we don't see eye to eye.

Please save the date and make plans to join us for the 2016 Civic Life Institute:

July 19-20 at the University of Charleston

The Library Commission is offering 5 registration scholarships to the Institute. Contact [Karen Goff](#) if you are interested.

Your community needs this. West Virginia needs this. You need this.

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JOIN
and
ADD
to the DISCUSSION!

WVLC Book Discussion GROUP

Featured Book of the Month!

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

"Helen Macdonald's beautiful and nearly feral book, *H Is for Hawk*, reminds us that excellent nature writing can lay bare some of the intimacies of the wild world as well. Her book is so good that, at times, it hurt me to read it. It draws blood, in ways that seem curative." — *Dwight Garner, New York Times*

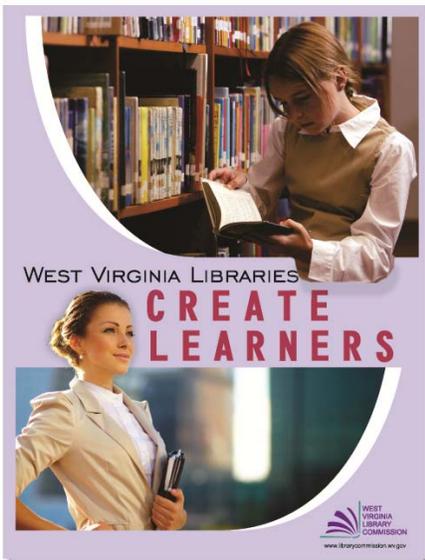
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Featured Book of the Month!



The WV Library Commission is looking for patron **SUCCESS stories to create televised public service announcements**. Using our current campaign theme: "WV Libraries Create Learners", the WV Library Commission would like to take these personal success stories and share them with others. Some examples might be...how a library helped someone learn something new or a class held at the library helped someone obtain a job.

If you have a patron that would like to submit and share a story, please email us their stories! We would love to read/use them!

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

Please submit forms (stories) back to us [via email](#) if at all possible. Thank you!

WEST VIRGINIA

Capitol Building Minecraft Design/Build Contest

- Rules
- FAQs
- Helpful Links

COMPUTERS + LEARNING over the summer months = FUN!

The Governor’s STEM Initiative, in collaboration with the WV Department of Education and the Arts, the WV Department of Education and The Education Alliance, **will host a West Virginia Capitol Building Minecraft Design/Build Contest during the summer of 2016 for West Virginia students (PreK-12)**. The competition will involve students using Minecraft to either recreate the current West Virginia Capitol Building or create a unique version of a new state capitol building for West Virginia. Prizes to be awarded. [CLICK HERE to READ MORE.](#)

Mark Your Calendar!



- June:** GLBT Book Month, Audio Book Month
- June 3:** National Doughnut Day (first Friday in June)
- June 14:** Flag Day

- June 19:** Father's Day
- June 20:** First Day of Summer!

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