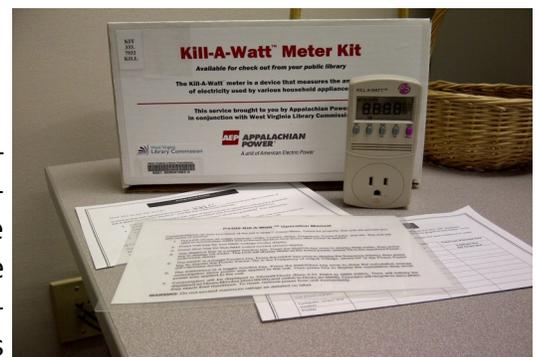


An occasional e-newsletter for West Virginia's libraries

Number 13, September 7,

Appalachian Power Partners with WVLC, Libraries for Energy Conservation

The West Virginia Library Commission recently sent 56 Kill-A-Watt meter kits to selected public libraries in West Virginia within the Appalachian Power service area. These kits are available for checkout to library customers. A Kill-A-Watt meter is a device that measures the amount of electricity used by household appliances. Kits include an operations sheet, worksheets to help users calculate energy costs associated with household electrical appliances and a kill-a-watt meter. Two kits are also available through WVLC's State Library Services for ILL to other libraries within the state.



The kits were cataloged by WVLC staff and are ready for libraries to circulate to library customers. These meters will hopefully help West Virginians in energy conservation activities. The kits were provided by Appalachian Power in conjunction with the West Virginia Library Commission. Appalachian Power is a unit of American Electric Power and serves over 1 million customers in portions of West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.

Get the most out of WVInfoDepot databases...do a little marketing.



EBSCO Publishing, the provider of the databases available to all West Virginia residents through WVInfoDepot.org has a [page of marketing materials](#) available to assist public, academic and school librarians market the databases to their respective users. This page, with downloadable bookmarks, posters, screensavers, how-to guides and other marketing materials is available free of charge to WV librarians and teachers. WVLC also maintains a limited supply of marketing materials for distribution.



FROM THE SECRETARY...

Karen E. Goff, Secretary West Virginia Library Commission

Send in September Library Card Sign-up Numbers – Win a Prize!

Even if you aren't a Steelers fan (I understand such folks exist), it is impressive to have NFL star Troy Polamalu, as Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month. To assist libraries recruit new users the American Library Association (ALA) developed a slideshow featuring "[60 Ways to Use Your Library Card](#)". You can embed the slideshow, which scrolls through examples like, "Learn how to write a business plan" and "Get help with homework," on your own websites or blogs. Later in the month, members of the public will have the opportunity to test their knowledge about ways to use a library card. The quiz will also be hosted on atyourlibrary.org.

Library Card Sign-up Month is a great time to make sure your local and state elected officials have a library card. If they don't, try to deliver one personally. If they do, remind them of all the services the library provides and how much more the library could do with a few more dollars. Use [Bibliostat Connect](#) to compare your library with others in the state and in the nation.

And – best of all – let me know how many folks you sign up this month. Email me (karen.e.goff@wv.gov) your numbers by Friday, October 5 to be entered in the first West Virginia Library Commission Library Card Sign-Up contest. Winners will be determined by a unique WVLC formula that takes in to account the number of entries and the number of prizes I can assemble. Winners will be announced October 12 as part of the State of the State's Libraries presentation at the WVLA Annual Conference.

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NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK IS COMING!

National Friends of the Libraries Week is October 21-27th! That may seem far away but your library and Friends group might want to start planning now.

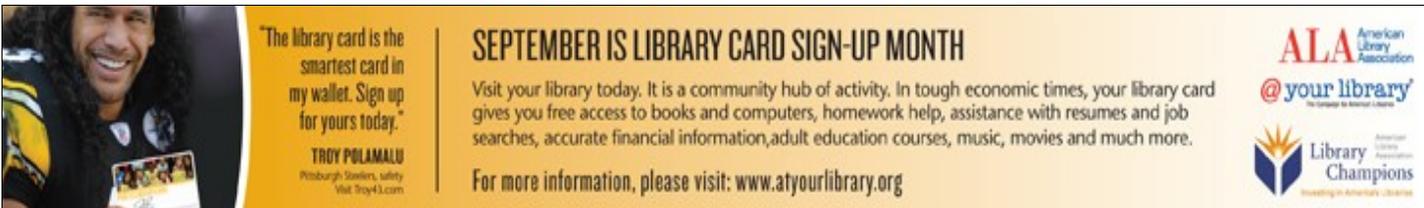
United for Libraries is coordinating the seventh annual National Friends of Libraries. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library. Friends groups, library Trustees and library staff can access a variety of online resources to help them celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week. Materials available on the [United for Libraries website](#) include promotional ideas, editable publicity materials, camera ready bookmarks, ideas from past celebrations and much more.

A **free webcast** "[Kick Start Your National Friends of Libraries Week Celebration](#)" is now available from [United for Libraries](#). This 40-minute webcast gives libraries and Friends ideas and materials so that they can promote National Friends of Libraries Week in their libraries and community. The webcast is led by United for Libraries' Director of Marketing and Communications Beth Nawalinski and Marketing/Public Relations Specialist Jillian Kalonick.

United for Libraries is pleased to announce a sixth year of awards in conjunction with National Friends of Libraries Week. Two awards of \$250 will be given to Friends of the Library groups for activities held during National Friends of Libraries Week. Winners will also receive a free copy of "Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books" by Susan L. Roth and Karen Leggett Abouraya (Dial/Random House, 2012). Application materials are available on the [United for Libraries website](#) **Entries are due by Dec. 3, 2012.**

GRANTS FOR NATIVE PLANT NATURE PROJECTS

The [Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program](#) funds projects that focus on enhancing and developing appreciation for nature using native plants. Libraries are eligible subject to youth participation. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers at all stages of development. Grantees will receive up to **\$500** for purchase of native plants and seeds. The deadline is **October 15** each year. Visit the [website](#) for more information or contact the [program director](#).



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KEEPING YOUR FRIENDS FRIENDLY

The professional collection of the West Virginia Library Commission has a number of titles to help keep Friends of the Library groups operating smoothly and efficiently. Many provide new and refreshing ideas for fundraisers, activities to keep members active, etc. A recent scan of our collection found the following titles:

Dolnick, Sandy. *Friends of Libraries Sourcebook*. Chicago: American Library Association, 1990. Print.

Gould, Mark R. *The Library PR Handbook: High-impact Communications*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2009. Print.

Herring, Mark Youngblood. *Organizing Friends Groups: A How-to-do-it Manual for Librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 1993. Print.

Herring, Mark Youngblood. *Raising Funds with Friends Groups: A How-to-do-it Manual for Librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2004. Print.

Reed, Sally G. *101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2004. Print.

Reed, Sally Gardner, and Beth Nawalinski. *Even More Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2008. Print.

These titles and others in our professional collection can be located through the [WVLC Catalog](#). Any circulating title in our collection can be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. Contact [LeAna Paxson](#) for ILL requests.

PAXSON PROMOTED

LeAna Paxson, an Office Assistant III in the WVLC Technical Services Unit has been promoted to the position of Library Assistant in the State Library Services unit. LeAna originally began working for the Commission as an Office Assistant I in that department before being promoted to Technical Services. As Library Assistant, LeAna will be responsible for Circulation activities, Interlibrary Loans, staffing the reference desk and other related tasks. Congratulations LeAna for working your way up the ladder!

LeAna replaces Megan Tarbett, who was promoted to Librarian I—Documents/Reference Librarian earlier this summer. The search is on for LeAna's replacement, as well as for other vacancies at the Library Com-

WATCH FOR KIDS - ITS BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!



DATABASE REFERENCE

WVLC Workshops to focus on using WVInfoDepot databases in the reference quest.



WVLC Youth Services Consultant **Suzy McGinley** will be providing a new workshop concentrating on using resources from WVInfoDepot in providing reference service. The workshop will cover using databases like EBSCOhost, Points of View Reference Center and others to answer reference questions and to help with research needs. WVLC will award 3 hours CE credit for participating in the workshop.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 25th at the Louis Bennett Public Library in Weston and on Thursday, September 27th in the WVLC Training Room on the lower level of the Culture Center in the State Capitol Complex in Charleston. The workshops will begin at 10:00 AM and last until 1:00 PM on both days. To register, please see the [Continuing Education Calendar](#) on the [WVLC Continuing Education](#) webpage.

If your library needs a particular training opportunity on one of the WVInfoDepot databases, or is willing to host future workshops, please feel free to [contact Suzy](#) or Adult Services Consultant [Susan Hayden](#). Workshops can be specially tailored to fit local needs.



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HELPING PATRONS ACCESS JUSTICE WEBINARS ANNOUNCED.

Pro Bono Net is pleased to announce a series of four "[Libraries and Access to Justice](#)" national training webinars. The series will help librarians better assist library patrons with legal needs by presenting a range of free online access to justice resources, and will showcase successful models for legal aid-library collaboration. Pro Bono Net is producing the webinars in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, Central Minnesota Legal Services and Legal Services State Support (MN), with funding from the Legal Services Corporation's Technology Initiative Grants program.

The webinars are free to public library and public law library staff, as well as stakeholders from the legal aid, court and access to justice communities. Attendees are welcome to join for the entire series or attend individual webinars on topics of interest. Recordings and presentation materials will be made available online afterwards.

The webinar titles are:

Welcoming Librarians to the Access to Justice Movement, September 13th

Connecting Library Patrons with Legal Information: Key Resources, September 27th

Helping Patrons Find Legal Assistance in their Community: Online Referral Tools, October 11th

Developing Legal Aid-Library Collaborations: Models and Replication Resources, November 1st.

Each webinar will last 75 minutes and be conducted using GoToWebinar software. All webinars will take place at 1pm ET. The webinars are free, and attendees are welcome to join for the entire series or attend individual webinars on topics of interest. The webinars will be recorded and made available online afterward, along with all presentation materials. For more information about the series, contact [Liz Keith, LawHelp Program Manager](#) at Pro Bono Net.

The West Virginia Library Commission will award 1.25 hrs of CE credit for each webinar attended. To obtain credit for these webinars, follow instructions on the [WVLC Continuing Education website](#).

Pro Bono Net is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing access to justice through innovative uses of technology and increased volunteer lawyer participation.

DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING FOR ARCHITECTURAL ISSUE/SURVEY

Architectural Questionnaire for Libraries completed between July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

LIBRARY JOURNAL

The 2012 Library Journal Architectural Issue has MOVED! It will be published in the November 15, 2012, issue, so the deadline will be EARLIER. It will collect data for finished public and academic library projects—new builds and renovations/additions—completed between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 only.

Be sure to fill in all information requested for [public libraries](#) and [academic libraries](#). **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012.**

Also, if you had/are having a Referenda for capital improvements and/or operating funds between December 1, 2011 and November 30, 2012, tell Library Journal how it turned out by completing their [questionnaire](#).

Please also share this information with [John Paul Myrick](#) at the West Virginia Library Commission.

SHEPHERDSTOWN LIBRARIAN TO DESCRIBE BROWNFIELDS BUILDING PROJECT AT CONFERENCE

Hali Taylor, Director of the **Shepherdstown Public Library** has been invited to tell the amazing story of the Shepherdstown Library Project to 175 attendees in the hopes of inspiring other communities to have vision and persistence in their own project efforts. The presentation will be a part of the "Clean-up Case Studies" and will focus on the significant collaboration that led up to the land transfer that made the clean-up grant possible. Participating in the conference will provide an opportunity to connect with additional resource providers and potential funders. The presence of the Shepherdstown Public Library at the conference being held at The Resort at Glade Springs near Beckley will further Shepherdstown's reputation as a shining community in the state.

Shepherdstown is currently working to clean up the old town dump site for a new home for a 12,000 square foot+ library. This library will supplement the tiny existing library located in the town's Market Hall, built in 1822. They are being helped in the remediation of the dump site by officials with [Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Program](#) at West Virginia University.

New Poet Laureate to present inaugural reading at West Virginia Book Festival

In May, Marc Harshman was named West Virginia's seventh Poet Laureate by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, replacing Irene McKinney, who died in February. A resident of Wheeling, Harshman will present his inaugural reading since his appointment at the

[West Virginia Book Festival](#) on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to reading his poems, Harshman will reflect upon the rich legacies of Louise McNeill and McKinney, the Laureates who most immediately preceded him. Harshman's program is sponsored by BB&T.

The annual, two-day event celebrates books and reading and offers something for all age groups. A variety of authors will attend, participating in book signings, readings, workshops and lectures. Activities for children include special programs and a section of the Marketplace filled with children's activities. Admission to the festival is free.

The **Kanawha County Public Library** and the [West Virginia Center for the Book at WVLC](#) are among the co-sponsors of the Festival.

West Virginia Cookbooks to be Discussed at September 13 Program

On September 13, 2012, Susan Scouras will present "West Virginia Cookbooks" at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Scouras will discuss cookbooks as historical resources, food availability and recipes during periods of rationing such as World War II, and newspapers as a source for food, cooking, and recipe information for the time period covered by Archives and History's newspaper collection (from the mid 19th century to the present). The program will feature cookbooks from Archives and History's collection. Cookbooks in the collection include those compiled and distributed by commercial publishers, church

and civic groups, fundraisers, appliance and food manufacturers, and individuals.

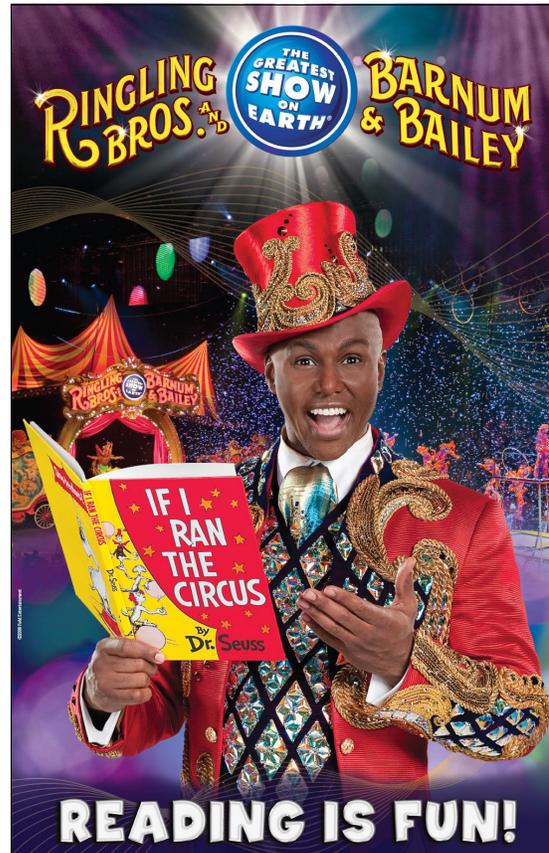
Scouras is interested in American history, libraries, and family history and enjoys discovering what any object or printed material from the past can reveal about its time period. She holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in library science (MSLS), both from the University of Kentucky. Scouras has worked as librarian at West Virginia Archives and History for 13 years.

Advance registration for the program is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.



EBSCO PROVIDES FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR DATABASES

EBSCO Publishing, the provider of the databases available through WVInfoDepot, makes a number of free training webinars available to librarians, teachers, and others who use the WVInfoDepot databases. For a complete list of training opportunities, please see the [EBSCO Training website](#). WVLC awards credit for attendance at these webinars. For more information on how to receive CE credit, please check out WVLC's Continuing Education Webpage.



READING WITH RINGLING PROGRAM SPREADS TO WEST VIRGINIA

With the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus returning to Charleston in 2013, RBBC invites libraries to participate in the [Reading With Ringling Library Reading Program](#). The program serves children from ages 2-12 and children will receive a complimentary ticket to the circus after they complete their required reading (parents are required to purchase tickets). The program provides posters, bookmarks, possible clown visits, logos, press templates and other program supplies to participating libraries. Kids participate by reading 5 books or reading for 25 hours approximately 8-10 weeks prior to the Circus visiting Charleston

The deadline for libraries to enroll in the program is September 15th. Complete information about the program can be received from Kathy Beazley with KRB Communications. She can be contacted via [email](#) or through her [Facebook site](#).

UPCOMING FREE WEBINARS FROM BOOKLIST

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Getting Ready for K-8 Success! Tuesday, September 18th, 2:00 PM.

Whether you're a public or school librarian, you will be impacted by the rollout of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). For the first time, the majority of states will have identical learning standards in math and English language arts (ELA). The great news for librarians is that research skills and projects are included in CCSS at all grade levels. Cherry Lake's authors have been engaged deeply in what great research looks like in the digital age. In this program, presented by Kristin Fontichiaro and sponsored by Cherry Lake Publishing, learn specific strategies that public and school librarians can employ to become active partners in CCSS implementation, and the Cherry Lake resources that can help you get there. Gillian Engberg, Books for Youth editorial director at Booklist Publications, will moderate this free, hour-long webinar.

Reeling In Reluctant Readers. Tuesday, September 25th, 2:00 PM.

Teachers and librarians are always looking for new ways to connect with children and teens categorized as "reluctant readers." In this free, hour-long webinar a reading specialist and literacy coach—along with representatives from Orca Book Publishers and Saddleback Educational Publishing—will discuss strategies and resources effective in reaching struggling readers ages 10 and up, as well as present books that combine high-interest topics with accessible writing. Also hear about new releases and best-selling series from Saddleback Educational Publishing and Orca Book Publishers. Moderated by Books for Youth associate editor Ann Kelley.

To get full information on these and other webinars, visit the [Booklist webinar website](#). You can also register to receive free email updates on Booklist webinars. **WVLC generally provides 1 hour CE credit for these webinars.**

ALSC OFFERS GRANT FOR SPECIAL/UNDERSERVED CHILDREN'S POPULATIONS

The ALSC/Candlewick Press "[Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved](#)" Grant was formed in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate DiCamillo, and the themes represented in her books. The award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or an expansion of work already being done.

The [ALSC Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee](#) will select the winner of this award based on an application process. Special population children may include those who have learning or physical differences, those who are speaking English as a second language, those who are in a non-traditional school environment, those who are in non-traditional family settings (such as teen parents, foster children, children in the juvenile justice system, and children in gay and lesbian families), and those who need accommodation service to meet their needs. The winner of this award will be announced at ALA's Midwinter Meeting. Online applications for the 2013 Candlewick Press Light the Way Grant are now being accepted. **Applications and supporting materials will be due by November 15, 2012.**

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Stonewall Jackson Resort—Roanoke, West Virginia—October 10-12, 2012

For more info, see the [WVLA Website](#)

COLORADO WEBSITE HELPS WITH DIGITAL LITERACY IN LIBRARIES

Are you searching for ways to help your community with digital literacy? Do you offer technology training? Are you looking for lesson plans and other resources? The Colorado State Library has launched a new website, [Tech Training for Libraries](#). This website has compiled resources to help your public technology training efforts:

- Instructional materials
- Staff training plans
- eGovernment assistance
- Links to training websites

The Colorado State Library also presented a "[Resources for Technology Training](#)" webinar on digital literacy efforts in libraries and available resources. Check it out!



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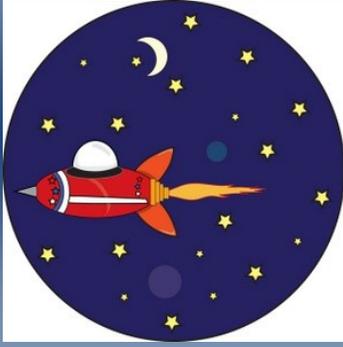
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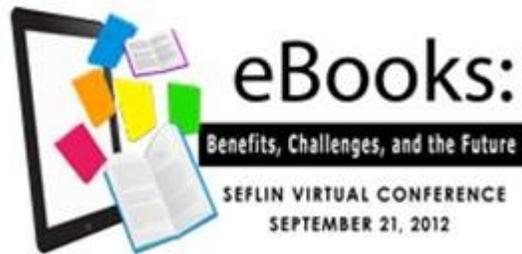
The training is free. A \$350 stipend is available for 25 participants. A stipend request form will be emailed to participants upon accepting their applications to attend. Space is limited, and registration is being conducted on a first-come first-accepted basis (deadline: August 31, 2012)! (Preference will be given to those serving rural audiences.)

Find more information or

[Apply at the Lunar and Planetary Institute's Website.](#)

The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 20 and continue until 5 p.m. on Sept. 21. Light breakfasts, lunches, and afternoon snacks will be provided. Hotel suggestions, logistical information, and a tentative agenda will be supplied shortly after you register; participants are responsible for travel, housing, and dinner costs and arrangements.

SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT FROM WVLC:



eBooks: Benefits, Challenges, and the Future

September 21, 2012, 10:00am - 4:00pm (Eastern Time, US and Canada)

WVLC will be purchasing a group registration to this conference. Anyone who wishes to attend may attend in the WVLC Training Room in the Lower Level of the Culture Center in Charleston for no charge. Please register with [Rebecca Rice](#). CE Credit will be given up to the maximums allowed. WVLC Staff will facilitate discussion after the presentation.

Seats are limited, so register ASAP. Produced by SEFLIN (Southeast Florida Library Information Network), this is a one-day online conference highlighting the impact of eBooks on libraries.

Presenters include: **Stephen Abram** (Gale-Cengage Learning), **Chad Mairn** (Novare Library Services), **Nik Osborne**, J.D. (Indiana University), **Jamie LaRue** (Douglas County Libraries, Colorado), **Sue Polanka** (Wright State University Libraries).

These leaders will discuss eBook trends, self-publishing and digital textbooks, barriers to and models for eBook lending, helpful eReader tips and tricks for library staff, and the future of eBooks in libraries.

This is a virtual conference, so there are no travel costs. Register as a group, so your entire staff can attend sessions that fit their schedules. Join information professionals around the world, and interact with library leaders and experts in the field. Hear about solutions and strategies for providing high demand e-content to your library patrons. Fully accessible via mobile devices too! Recordings of the conference sessions will be available to all registered attendees after the conference.

Registration is required for attending this conference. If you are interested in attending on your own (not through the WVLC group purchase detailed above) please check out the [conference website](#). The registration fee is \$25 for individuals and \$45 for groups. Registration is free if you attend at WVLC.

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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

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STATE FARM GRANTS

State Farm Insurance offers grants in varying amounts focusing on the areas of safety, community development, and education. Government entities and 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is **October 7, 2012**. Applications must be submitted online. To read more or apply online visit the [website](#).

WVLC AT WVLA

Library Commission offers full slate of training sessions during annual professional conference.

The West Virginia Library Commission will host numerous training events at the upcoming WVLA Annual Conference, to be held October 10-12 at Stonewall State Park Resort in Roanoke. Check out these programs:

Wednesday, October 10, 2012:

8AM to Noon – Pre-Conference: BE THE CHANGE, MAKE EVERYDAY ADVOCACY DAY presented by Veronda Pitchford.

2 PM – 3 PM— LIBRARY UPDATE: the television show about you and for you presented by Megan Tarbett and Melissa Brown

2 PM—4:00 PM— IT'S ABOUT BRAND (MEANING, NOT MARKETING) presented by the Veronda Pitchford.

2 PM—3:00 PM—THAT ALL MAY READ: THE DIGITAL GENERATION OF THE LIBRARY FOR BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED presented by Donna Calvert, Shawn Faircloth and Mary Hogue

3 PM – 4 PM—LSTA PLAN FOR WV LIBRARIES presented by John Paul Myrick (Primary Audience: Trustees and Public)

4 PM – 5 PM NETWORK SERVICES AND BROADBAND UPDATE presented by Harlan White, WVLC Director, Network Services

Thursday, October 11, 2012:

1:15-2:15— YOU DIE! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? HOW THE LIBRARY CAN HELP SURVIVORS, presented by Susan Hayden

2:15–3:15— BIBLIOSTAT 2013 presented by Melissa Brown

4:15-5:15— USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CONNECTION DEVELOPMENT presented by Megan Tarbett

Friday, October 12, 2012:

9 AM– 10 AM—TRUSTEE BASICS: HIT THE GROUND RUNNING by John Paul Myrick and Karen Goff

10 PM—11 PM— CENSUS 1940 presented by Megan Tarbett.



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September is National Preparedness Month!

**Do you know your children's school emergency plan?
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School is now in session for kids all across West Virginia but it's time for parents to do a little homework of their own.

Moms and Dads, do you know what the emergency plan is for your child's school? Do you know where students will be taken if the school needs to evacuate? Are you and your kids prepared?

If you don't know the answers to these questions, take a minute this week to call your child's school and find out. Also make time to share this information with your kids. To learn more about how you and your children can be prepared, go to ReadyKids. Then, test your knowledge by playing some of the fun online games and puzzles!

Remember, September is National Preparedness Month – the perfect time to ***Be Prepared!*** Stay tuned for more weekly tips from the WV National Preparedness Committee.

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE

On September 13, the Institute of Museum and Library Services is holding a Congressional briefing on how libraries support workforce development. ALA is asking librarians to contact their Senators and Representatives and ask them to attend or send an aide to attend this hearing. [Please use the Legislative Action Center to send an email to your U.S. Representative asking their office to send a staffer to this briefing.](#)

For those of you wishing to call or send an email separately, here is the basic information:

Institute of Museum and Library Services Congressional Briefing: **How Libraries Support Workforce Development**

WHEN: Thursday, September 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. *Breakfast briefing – coffee and breakfast pastries will be provided*

WHERE: Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-338, Washington, DC 20515

RSVP: Please **RSVP** to Andrea Wood by **Monday, September 10** at awood@imls.gov.

HOSTED BY: Institute of Museum and Library Services

WHY: Libraries play a vital role in our nation's workforce system. Through an official partnership between the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA), state and local workforce investment boards, state workforce agencies, and One-Stop Career Centers are encouraged to partner with public libraries to extend their career and employment services to job seekers and unemployed workers.

This briefing will illustrate the work libraries do to support workforce development and meet community employment needs in rural, urban and suburban areas nationwide. Please ask your representatives to attend. It would not hurt to emphasize local activities you are undertaking to support workforce development and full employment.

