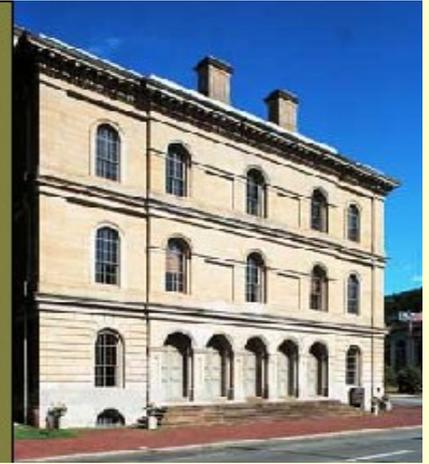


## Library Lookout

The e-newsletter of the West Virginia Library Commission



### IMLS/WVLC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The West Virginia Library Commission is currently participating in an [IMLS grant-funded project](#) to investigate how public libraries provide training and assistance to patrons on information technology and digital literacy topics. **We need your help.**



We are asking directors/branch managers of all public library locations to complete a brief survey to tell us about their training and assistance activities. Your library's participation in this survey would be greatly appreciated and would provide valuable insights for state and federal library planning.



Go to the [survey website](#) to access the survey, which should take under 20 minutes to complete. Please submit your response **by October 5, 2012.**

**Thank you for supporting this research.** We look forward to sharing our results with you later this year.

### WEBSITE HELPS VOTERS

The ALA Washington Office is encouraging librarians to use their library's website to promote [Vote 411](#), a new tool the League of Women Voters provides that helps people register to vote, and offers information on voting requirements and state deadlines. The American Library Association's support of Vote 411 comes off the heels of the ALA Council's unanimous passing of the resolution opposing voter suppression at the recent 2012 ALA Annual Conference. The Vote 411 tool allows users to build an online voter's guide, view political races, compare candidate positions side-by-side and print out "ballots" that can be used to remind the public to vote on Election Day. The tool also provides visitors with helpful voting information, candidate statements and details on current issues.



## *FROM THE SECRETARY...*

*Karen E. Goff, Secretary West Virginia Library Commission*

### **Changing Perceptions of Libraries**

Recently, all public library directors received the email featured on page one of this issue of *Library Lookout* urging them to respond to a national survey about computer training activities in libraries. Anyone who has been involved with libraries for any length of time knows that libraries have been teaching people how to use computers since the mid-70's. What is standard operating procedure for the citizens of Libraryland is an amazing revelation to some policy makers.

In June the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced a \$250,000 award to WebJunction to work with state libraries in Illinois, Mississippi, and **West Virginia**; federal policy makers; and the national nonprofit organization Connect2Compete to develop and test a plan to help libraries deliver digital literacy training. The grant will identify model approaches for partnerships with libraries to meet public demand for training.

It is no surprise to anyone in West Virginia that one third of Americans lack broadband at home. Why is broadband important? In 2009, [Broadband Internet's Value for Rural America](#), a report from the US Department of Agriculture, stated that rural communities with greater broadband Internet access have greater economic growth than areas with less access. One writer commented that policies that foster a world-class broadband infrastructure for all Americans are essential to the future of rural America. This study reinforces other evidence that broadband is a critical component of the economic infrastructure. It is a major reason why the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other parties are deeply involved in broadband adoption efforts.

Libraries rarely see themselves as players on the field of national policy. The IMLS grant to support libraries' roles in national broadband adoption efforts indicates a change in this perception. When announcing the grant, IMLS Director Susan Hildreth said "We know that one of the significant barriers to broadband adoption is digital literacy, and we know that U.S. libraries are the nation's de facto digital literacy corps. The National Broadband Plan recognized the role of libraries as 'critical to building the digital proficiency skills of their communities... However, there is much work to be done to assure that libraries are effectively engaged in national digital literacy efforts. This grant will help to raise awareness about the best ways to leverage and support libraries' capacity to deliver digital literacy training."

This grant and the partnership with federal policy makers is a tremendous opportunity for West Virginia libraries. The survey announced earlier this week is critical to the testing of a national database. Your response is essential. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3HMJX8D> to access the survey. Thanks for your contributions to this important effort.



## WV SENATE AWARDS GRANTS

The West Virginia Senate has announced the latest round of **Community Participation Projects Grants** which will soon be awarded through the West Virginia Library Commission. The following libraries will be receiving grants: Alderson Public Library, Belington Public Library, Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library, Boone-Madison Public Library, Bridgeport Public Library, Brooke County Public Library, Buffalo Creek Memorial Library, Cabell County Public Library, Dora B. Woodyard Memorial Library, Elkins-Randolph County Public Library, Five Rivers Public Library, Hamlin-Lincoln County Public Library, Kanawha County Public Library, Kingwood Public Library, Logan Area Public Library, Louis Bennet Public Library, Marion County Public Library, Mary H. Weir Public Library, Mason County Public Library, Mingo County Public Library, Morgantown Public Library, Moundsville-Marshall County Public Library, Ohio County Public Library, Pendleton County Public Library, Philippi Public Library, Pleasants County Public Library, Pocahontas County Free Libraries, Princeton Public Library, Putnam County Public Library, Rainelle Public Library, Raleigh County Public Library, Roane County Public Library, Rupert Public Library, Shepherdstown Public Library, Summers County Public Library, Sutton Public Library, Taylor County Public Library, Vienna Public Library, Wayne County Public Library.



WVLC has not received notice of CPP grants from the House of Delegates as of press time. Paperwork for these grants will be sent to libraries shortly. **Congratulations!**

### DATABASE REFERENCE

WVLC's **Suzy McGinley** will be providing a new workshop concentrating on using resources from **WVInfoDepot.org** 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](#).

### USING FAMILYSEARCH.ORG IN GENEALOGICAL REFERENCE

**John Paul Myrick**, WVLC Library Development Director will provide a one-hour webinar in using **Familysearch.org**, a **free** database from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in helping patrons with genealogical research. This online training will be on **Friday, November 2nd at 2:00 PM**.

**Familysearch.org** contains all U.S. Census records with indexes (including the recently-released 1940 census), as well as genealogical information gleaned by the Mormons from courthouse records, vital records, submitted genealogies and more. JP will explain how to perform searches on the database and talk about sections of most use to library patrons. This training opportunity is FREE and 1 hour of CE credit will be awarded to West Virginia library workers.

Register for this webinar through the [WVLC Continuing Education Calendar](#). In-person sessions will gladly be scheduled for large groups in WV libraries.

### Women's National Book Award



Ann Patchett has been selected by the Women's National Book Association as the 2012 Women's National Book Award winner by the Women's National Book Association. Patchett is the bestselling author of several works of fiction, among them *Patron Saint of Liars*, *Taft*, *Bel Canto*, *The Magician's Assistant*, and *State of Wonder*. The award is presented to a living American woman who derives part or all of her income from books and has done meritorious work in the world of books beyond the duties or responsibilities of her profession or occupation.

### 2012 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction

*New York Times* bestselling author Michael Connelly will receive the 2012 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction for *The Fifth Witness*. The prize, cosponsored by the University of Alabama School of Law and the ABA Journal, celebrates the role of lawyers in society and the ideals represented by Atticus Finch, the protagonist in Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Connelly will receive the award during a special ceremony September 20 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

### Amazon.com Features Book Award Winners

If you're interested in award-winning books, check out the [Amazon.com Awards Site](#). The website features award-winning titles from many national groups. Bram Stoker Awards, Caldecott Medal, Coretta Scott King Awards, Hugo Awards, International Association of Culinary Professionals Cookbook Awards, and many more are featured.

### Not-So-Boring Toddler Books

Tired of the same old toddler read-aloud books? Having a hard time staying awake while reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* for the umpteenth time? Toddler storytime doesn't have to be mundane! Brooklyn children's librarian Miss Ingrid recently blogged a selection of less common Toddler Time read-alouds on her [blog site](#).

These stories are geared mainly for 18-month to 3-year olds. Odds are, you'll find at least one new title to freshen up your read-aloud collection. Along with her 13 suggestions (and 5 honorable mentions), readers provide many more book suggestions in the comments area. Of particular seasonal interest is *Fall is Not Easy* by Marty Kelley. This story of a tree whose leaves don't cooperate when autumn arrives is suitable for K-3 students, not to mention adults.

## Judy Blume Recovering from Surgery

Internationally renowned author Judy Blume is recovering in her New York home from recent breast cancer surgery. Blume, the author of *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*; *Blubber*; *Just as Long as We're Together*; and the five book series about the irrepressible Fudge recently blogged about her experiences on her [website](#). Blume announced her diagnosis earlier this year and had surgery in August.

Blume writes, "Now it's one month post surgery -- I'm still in NY and feeling stronger every day, walking a couple of miles in the park each morning and going out to early dinners with George. Have seen movies and a couple of plays, as you know if you follow me on Twitter. I'm able to read again without falling asleep. Which doesn't mean I don't need a nap every day. I'm not working on my book yet (have just been given permission to type an hour at a time with arm exercises in between) but I'm thinking about getting back to it after Labor Day, kind of like starting school."

## Leonard Picks Up Top NBF Award *(from AP reports)*

For a man who built his career on word economy, the title is pretty darned long — The National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.

Still, Elmore Leonard says he's thrilled to receive one of the literary world's highest honors.

The 86-year-old crime novelist will be presented with the medal in New York on Nov. 14, the same evening this year's National Book Awards are announced.

"I was very surprised. I didn't ever count on winning this kind of an award," Leonard, with one of his trademark Virginia Slims between his fingers, said in an interview at his home in suburban Detroit. "I've won a lot of awards, but not like this one."

In taking home the National Book Foundation's lifetime achievement award, Leonard joins a list of past recipients that includes Ray Bradbury, Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, Toni Morrison, Philip Roth, John Updike, Gore Vidal and Tom Wolfe.

"These names, these are all finished writers," Leonard said. "They know what they're doing."

The foundation isn't the only organization honoring Leonard. The Library of America, which releases hardcover volumes of the country's greatest authors, from Herman Melville to Saul Bellow, has added Leonard to the pantheon. Four of his novels will be published in a bound edition in 2014, and additional volumes are planned.

Leonard has written more than forty novels, including bestsellers *Up in Honey's Room*, *The Hot Kid*, *Mr. Paradise*, *Tishomingo Blues*, *Pagan Babies*, and *Glitz*. Many of his books have been made into movies, including *Get Shorty* and *Out of Sight*.



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## Former Charlestonian pens novel

Dixie Guill Golden, a graduate of DuPont High School and the University of Charleston, recently published a novel, *"Unfinished Conversations."* The trade paperback joins the e-book store at Amazon.com and will be available to the wider market in a few weeks.

The book is set in the 1960s and includes West Virginia sites such as Hawks Nest, Kanawha Falls and Cranberry Glades.

According to a book blurb, *"Unfinished Conversations'* pulls us back to the 1960s when Emily made one simple choice that changed her life forever. Now her winding journey offers temptations, revisits old traumas and collides with an unyielding fate of suspense and surprises everywhere she goes."



## Book Festival Set for October 13-14 in Charleston

The West Virginia Library Commission and the West Virginia Center for the Book are proud co-sponsors of the West Virginia Book Festival. The Center and the Commission will be exhibiting at the Festival, which will be held October 13-14 at the Charleston Civic Center. For more information, please see the [Book Festival website](#).

## WV Center Invited to Contribute to National Exhibition

In January, the WV Center for the Book will contribute to a tribute to West Virginia's women writers at the [American Women Writers National Museum](#) in Washington. As part of this activity, WVCTFB staff are developing a Lib Guide and other information about West Virginia's women writers which will be shared with West Virginia libraries, a poster highlighting these writers (which will double as our 2013 National Library Week poster) and other activities.

## WV Bridge Disaster Subject of New Book

The collapse of the Silver Bridge between West Virginia and Ohio has been recounted in an Images of America book, *"The Silver Bridge Disaster of 1967."* Built in 1927, the bridge collapsed on Dec. 15, 1967. Authors Stephan Bullard, Bridget Gromek, Martha Fout and Ruth Fout weave together period photographs and witness accounts in retelling the tragedy that killed 46 people.

## New Novel about West Virginia Midwife

West Virginia midwife Patricia Harman has recently penned, *"The Midwife of Hope River,"* a novel about a midwife serving in the coalfields during the 1930s. Harman has spent more than 30 years caring for women as a midwife, and has written this fiction work about her experiences. William Morrow Paperbacks released the title last month. Amazon calls this story of fictional midwife Patience Murphy as "Honest, moving, and beautifully detailed." The novel describes the midwife's experiences and difficulties from serving in the dangerous mining camps of West Virginia to dealing with the Ku Klux Klan.

## African-American History Month Program Set

The WVCFTB will hold a special commemoration of African-American History Month with a reading and reception for poet [Crystal Good](#) at the State Culture Center in Charleston on Friday, February 22, 2013. As a member of the Affrilachian (African-American-Appalachian) Poets, she has been a featured poet/speaker at several universities and colleges. *"Valley Girl"* is her first book of poetry. The poems explore themes in quantum physics, Appalachian culture, gender equality, and mountaintop removal. Crystal, a resident of Charleston has been published in *Pluck! The Journal for Affrilachian Culture* and *Appalachian Heritage*, and her work is the subject of multiple print and online interviews and articles. Please watch *CTFB News* in *Library Lookout* for more information.

## 2013 West Virginia Writer's Toolkit in the Works

A joint team of staff from the Center for the Book and the Division of Culture and History have been working for the past two months in planning the 2013 West Virginia Writer's Toolkit conference. This session, traditionally held in Charleston may expand to two locations this year, and will concentrate on writing/telling/singing/blogging one's own personal history and memoirs in conjunction with the West Virginia Sesquicentennial. The Charleston session will be held on March 2nd at the State Culture Center, and plans for the second session will likely be announced within the next two weeks. Hopefully, the location will be in the Northern Panhandle.

## WV Children's Choice Book Awards

The purpose of the West Virginia Children's Choice Book Award is to "enrich the lives of children grades three through six by encouraging reading books of literary quality." Established in 1981 by teachers Joyce Lang and Patty Benedum, this program is now administered through the West Virginia Center for the Book. Winners of the 2012 Children's Choice Awards will be announced in October.

West Virginia Center for the Book was established in 2001 as an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

It is hosted by the West Virginia Library Commission in partnership with the West Virginia Humanities Council and is located in Charleston, West Virginia.





## Make it 'Money Smart Week @ your library' April 21-27, 2013

ALA invites you to join them to learn how your library can be part of 'Money Smart Week @ your library,' a national initiative in its third year between the ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank (Chicago) to provide financial literacy programming to help members of your

community better manage their personal finances. Libraries of all types can and do participate, providing programming for all ages and all stages of life on topics such as: basic budgeting; managing student debt; retirement planning; home purchasing; saving money through couponing; and how to prevent identity theft. Last year public, academic, school, and even prison libraries in 39 states participated. So mark your calendars to participate April 21-27, 2013 and **join us for a one hour webinar on October 18th** to learn about how easy it is to participate, programming ideas and tips from veterans and first-time participants, and partnership opportunities. **To get full information about the Money Smart Week program and about the webinar, see the [website](#).**

## WEBINAR TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON PRIVACY OF LIBRARY RECORDS

Due to some recent events, WVLC staff feel the need to provide training regarding to Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 22 of the *West Virginia Code* regarding the privacy of public library patron records. On **November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**, Library Development Director John Paul Myrick I will be providing a one-hour webinar entitled **"Following the Law: Chapter 10, the PATRIOT Act and Patron Privacy."** The purpose of this webinar will be to explain this section of the *Code*, obligations of West Virginia public libraries in terms of this section, and to provide guidance in terms of "what to do when the police arrive." The webinar will also cover provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act which relate to public libraries.



## DON'T FORGET THE LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH CONTEST!

Secretary Goff is holding a contest to see which libraries can sign up the most new cardholders during September, which is **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**. Please [email her](#) with your September sign-up numbers by Friday, October 5th. The libraries with the largest number of new patrons will be awarded prizes at her "State of the Libraries" session at the WVLA Conference at Stonewall October 10th-12th.

# NEH SUSTAINING CULTURAL HERITAGE COLLECTIONS

## GRANTS AVAILABLE

*Receipt Deadline December 4, 2012 for projects beginning October, 2013*

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) grants help cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country are responsible for collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light, and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. The NEH Sustaining Cultural Heritage Grants help in that area.

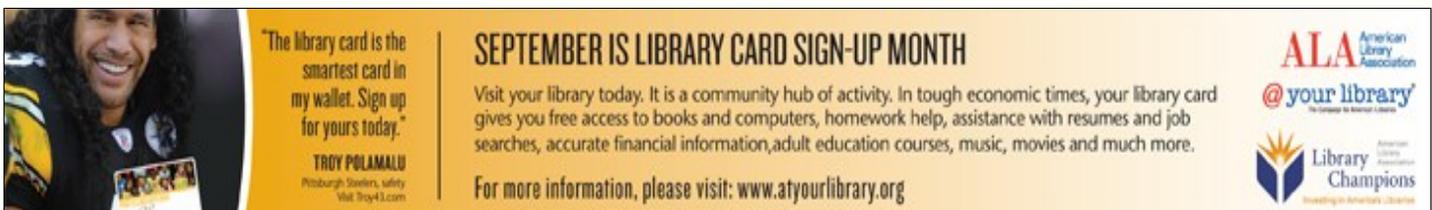
For complete information about these grants, see the [National Endowment for the Humanities website](#).

## IMLS Award to the Public Library Association will Develop Online Digital Literacy Resource *(from IMLS Press Release)*

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced September 14th that the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has been awarded a \$291,178 grant through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. PLA will partner with the ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) to develop an online collection of digital literacy resources that will be accessible to libraries, patrons, and other community-based organizations. In addition to user-directed resources, the grant activities will include development of training curricula in English and Spanish, technology trainer competencies, handouts, and patron skills assessment.

"We know that more than 100 million people do not have broadband access at home," said IMLS Director Susan H. Hildreth. "One of the most significant barriers to adoption is the need for digital literacy skills. I believe that this project will help people use the Internet to find jobs, get an education, and make social connections that strengthen our communities."

"We are committed to helping public libraries prepare for the launch of the broadband initiative Connect2Compete this fall and an Ad Council campaign in early 2013 urging people to visit their local libraries for free online tools and digital literacy education," said Eva Poole, PLA President and Chief of Staff of the District of Columbia Public Library. This grant will enable us to address the lack of consistent, high-quality, accessible digital literacy materials."



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Dr. Lamar Veatch, COSLA President and Georgia State Librarian said, "A significant number of state libraries are the hubs of their states' Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs (BTOP), and many additional state libraries are also heavily invested with their public libraries in digital literacy activities. This grant is a natural fit for COSLA to join in this national effort. We anticipate being an asset in sharing and evaluating existing state digital literacy resources, developing new materials, and ensuring that libraries throughout the U.S. can effectively use and grow this grant's resulting collection."

PLA will launch the online beta resource center at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, with plans to continue demonstrations of the resource center at ALA and PLA conferences throughout 2013 and 2014. PLA aims to ensure the sustainability of the resource center by continuing to vet and add high-quality digital literacy tools to the collection based on practitioner feedback, including materials for the Latino and Spanish-speaking communities with the help of REFORMA, establishing a community of practice, and determining viable partnerships for continued training and evolution of the center.

## **Innovative services at public libraries highlighted in new ALA issues brief (from ALA Press Release)**

CHICAGO — Libraries continue to transform lives by providing critical services and innovative solutions to information access in spite of years' worth of consecutive and cumulative budget cuts. More Americans than ever are turning to their libraries for access to essential technology services not found elsewhere in their communities, including free computer and Internet access, technology training and assistance with job-seeking and e-government services.

["U.S. Public Libraries Weather the Storm \(PDF\),"](#) a new issues brief from the American Library Association Office for Research & Statistics, highlights how strategic vision has helped public libraries not only "weather the storm" of the Great Recession, but also advance their role as a lifeline to the technology resources and training essential to building digitally inclusive communities essential to full participation in the nation's economy.

"Libraries are continually evolving to support the diverse information and training needs of their communities," said Kathy Rosa, director of the ALA Office for Research & Statistics. "Over 60 percent of public libraries report increased use of computers and Wi-Fi, and 36 percent report an increase in participation in technology classes. More than 96 percent of libraries report providing help accessing online government services, an increase of nearly 16 percent from last year. At the same time, 57 percent of libraries report flat or decreased operating budgets, straining their capacity to meet the demand for services."

This issues brief draws from national data published in the [2012 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study](#) (PLFTAS), the longest-running and largest study of Internet connectivity in libraries and the funding that enables free public access to these resources. The study is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the American Library Association.

Library staffs are encouraged to use content from the issues brief and the PLFTAS report as an educational tool with community stakeholders, including elected officials, funders and program partners to raise awareness of the innovative services available and in demand in their own communities. Staff can use this format as a template for providing local data and examples related to a given topic. PLFTAS issues briefs can be accessed and downloaded at <http://www.ala.org/research/initiatives/plftas/issuesbriefs>.

## TIDBITS FROM AROUND THE STATE

**Hope Nobel** is the new director of the **Jackson County Public Library**, with locations in Ripley and Ravenswood. She comes to West Virginia from Michigan and earned her MLIS degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

**Clay Kriese**, an MLIS graduate of the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies is the new reference librarian at the **Clarksburg-Harrison County Public Library**. Clay was a student of WVLC's Library Development Director **John Paul Myrick**, who is both an Alabama alumnus and adjunct professor for the school.

WVLC's Administrative Services Director **Denise Seabolt** is a new grandmother, again, twice! She has had a new grandson and her first granddaughter arrive in the past two months.

Our congratulations go to those who have recently applied for and received CE support from the West Virginia Library Commission. These include **Janice Freeman** of the **Taylor County Public Library** (to attend training on accounting software), **Hali Taylor** of the **Shepherdstown Public Library** (to attend training on fundraising software), **Angela Straight** of the **Cabell County Public Library** (to attend Lyrasis Disaster Planning for Libraries course) and to **Mary Stenger** of the **Southern Area Library** and **Rosanne Eastham** of the **Tyler County Library**, who will attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference on WVLC's first scholarships to this event.

Big "Attagirls" to **Amy Lilly** of the **Raleigh County Public Library** for attending Library Journal's **Lead the Change** workshop in Baltimore on September 20th and to **Emily Seese** of the **Ritchie County Public Library** for completing **Turning the Page, 2.0 Advocacy Training** from the ALA and the Bill and Melinda Gates Library Foundation.

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# THAT ALL MAY READ:

## THE DIGITAL GENERATION OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED



Session by the West Virginia Library Commission's Special Services Division at the West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference.

The digital revolution has fully taken over services from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped! Find out all the new ways your library can assist your low-vision or blind patrons. Join staff members of the Library Commission's Special Services department as they present a hands-on demonstration of the latest digital audio devices and text-to-speech e-readers. In addition to the news from the front lines, we'll give you a peek at the many changes in service that are scheduled for the next few months.

Join Donna Calvert, Special Services Director  
Shawn Faircloth, Technology Resource Librarian  
and Mary Hogue, Resource Services Librarian

Wednesday, October 10, at 2:00 PM.

For more information about the WVLA Conference, please see the [WVLA Website](#).



## BE THE CHANGE—2012 WVLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Stonewall Jackson Resort—Roanoke, West Virginia

October 10-12, 2012

For more info, see the [WVLA 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

9 AM - 10 AM — WHAT TO SAY TO THE YA by Suzy McGinley

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

11 AM—Noon — STATE OF THE STATE'S LIBRARIES: Third General Session, by Secretary Karen Goff

