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*a message from...*

the West Virginia Library Commission

Almost daily I hear from libraries about funding cuts. Meanwhile the state budget, and consequently the Library Commission budget are in limbo. Next Tuesday nine counties have levies affecting 13 different libraries on the ballot. Hopefully there are enough engaged voters in those counties that value the importance of public library services and that understand that

services cost money that will vote yes.

That brings up the question “How well do libraries tell their story”? It is not a new question but a resounding affirmative answer remains elusive. At a meeting sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) the question was applied to the things libraries count. For example, we know that almost every public library presents story time programs. But what does that mean? That the children who attended those programs had fun? That more books were checked out? That is probably good but does it persuade anyone to vote for levy; to be concerned that the library might close?

For a few months I have been encouraging libraries to sign up for [Project Outcome](#). Project Outcome provides simple survey instruments and an easy-to-use process for public library staff to measure the outcomes of their programs and services and then develop attractive ways of telling how library programs and services affect people and communities. Project Outcome provides libraries with six-question surveys in seven different service areas to measure the impact of programs on real people.

The Early Childhood Literacy (aka Story Time) asks folks four multiple choice questions and two open ended questions. The multiple choice questions ask if the participant learned something new that can be shared with their children, if the participant feels more confident to help a child learn, if more time will be spent with the child as a result of the program, and if the participant is more aware of the services of the library. Responses range from strongly disagree to strongly agree. The open ended questions ask what the participant liked best about the program and what could the library do to improve the child’s enjoyment of reading.

Using the results of this survey, the library director/trustee team can tell the Board of Education not just how many children came to story time but how story time changed the knowledge, attitude and awareness of parents and caregivers as well as children; how the library contributed to the future of the community by providing early childhood literacy programs, how the library is creating a state of learners.

I think these data stories, told in every county and every community across the state, would have great impact. So far four libraries have signed up. Thank you. I hope more of you will consider doing the same. By the way, it is free.

**Karen Goff**  
WVLC Executive Secretary



## TRUSTEE TIPS

### **The West Virginia Sunshine Law**

The word “public” in “public library” means many things, among them the fact that public library Board meetings are subject to the Open Governmental Proceedings law also known as the West Virginia Sunshine Law (*West Virginia Code* Chapter 6, Article 9A). The Declaration of Legislative Policy in section 1 of the law contains some unexpectedly elegant language, including “*The Legislature hereby further finds and declares that the citizens of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the governmental agencies that serve them. The people in delegating authority do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for them to know and what is not good for them to know.*”

The West Virginia Ethics Commission is an excellent source of guidance about the Sunshine Law. The [Open Meetings](#) page on its website answer questions frequently asked about the law. For example:

- **What is a meeting?**
  - When a quorum of a governing body discusses issues of interest upon which the governing body expects to take some official action, then this is a meeting. If this discussion takes place outside the confines of a public meeting — whether in person, by telephone, email or other telecommunication means — it is an illegal meeting.
- **Time requirements for posting an agenda**
  - **Regular meeting** - three business days before the meeting.
  - **Special meeting** - two business days before the meeting.
  - **Emergency meeting** - as soon as practicable.
- **When can an emergency meeting be called?**
  - Governing bodies should exercise caution when calling an emergency meeting. Ordinarily, an “emergency” involves an unexpected situation or sudden occurrence of a serious nature, such as an event that threatens public health and safety.
- **When may a governing body go into an executive session?**
  - A governing body may go into an executive session for any of the reasons set forth in the Open Meetings Act at W.Va. Code § 6-9A-4. Some common grounds for going into an executive session are to discuss personnel matters or pending litigation; to consider matters involving the purchase, sale or lease of real property, or to plan or consider an official investigation.

**May a governing body vote on matters in executive session?**

- No. Votes may not be taken in an executive session. A governing body may only vote after it reconvenes in an open session.

[Refer to the website for more answers.](#)



- Best Wishes for a Great Retirement to Patricia Tolliver, Director of the Upshur County Public Library

- Sympathy to Floyd Fullen’s friends and family. Floyd, a long time trustee of the Lowe Public Library and active member of the West Virginia Library Association, died April 10, 2016.

**Director Changes:**

- Ryan Clouston is Acting Director of the Upshur County Public Library.
- Amy Stover is Interim Director of the Raleigh County Public Library.
- Austin Persinger has been named Director of the Summers County Public Library effective June 1, 2016. Myra Ziegler will work with him until her official retirement date of June 30.

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

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

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59 College Ave.  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

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

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## WebJunction Events Calendar

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## VIRGINIA/ WEST VIRGINIA COHORT PROGRAM

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The University of North Texas College of Information will partner with the Virginia Commonwealth University Library to offer the MLIS to students in Virginia and West Virginia. This will be the fifth cohort to take part in this unique program that blends on-site and online instruction to provide a high-quality engaging learning experience. Students will begin the program at an institute at VCU in January of 2017 and graduate in December of 2018.

Dr. Phil Turner, Director of the UNT Virginias MLIS Program, will offer on-site information sessions on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cabell County Public Library in Huntington and on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the West Virginia Library Commission in Charleston. There will also be monthly virtual sessions. See <http://lis.unt.edu/virginia-west-virginia-cohort> for information on this program and upcoming information sessions.

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At the WVLA Fall Conference last October, WVU Libraries announced that it would lend interlibrary loan materials to all public libraries at no cost to the library – including shipping.

When a West Virginia public library makes an interlibrary loan request through the [WVU ILLiad lending page](#), WVU Libraries will send the material and include a postage paid return label. The only cost the requesting library needs to cover is staff time. We hope that this service will open our collection for use by anyone in the state – even if they aren't close to Morgantown.

If you have questions about this service, please feel free to

contact me. Otherwise, request away!!

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**23rd Annual Writing Contest 2015 - 2016**

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[www.librarycommission.wv.gov/programs/wvcftb/projects/Pages/lal.aspx](http://www.librarycommission.wv.gov/programs/wvcftb/projects/Pages/lal.aspx)

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CENTER FOR THE BOOK  
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# Letters About Literature

Read.  
Be inspired.  
Write Back.  
A Library of Congress National Reading and Writing Promotion Program

The 23rd annual writing contest for young readers is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries and other organizations.

How did an author's work change your view of the world?

**THEME**

**Award Ceremony**  
**Thursday, May 19th**  
**2:00p.m.**  
**Culture Center**

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## 2016 Spring Fling Conference

The 2016 Spring Fling hosted by the WV Library Association was a great success! Thank you to those who attended and worked the event. The WVLC has posted presentation material online ([Powerpoints](#) and [Video](#)) if you are interested in watching or downloading information. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual WVLA conference this fall, October. 5-7.

The Resort at Glade Springs  
 255 Resort Drive  
 Daniels, WV 25832  
<http://www.gladesprings.com/>



## Did You Attend the Session: “Libraries as Centers for Civic Engagement” presented by Kent Spellman?

Kent Spellman is the Executive Director of the WV Community Development Hub - an organization working with communities across WV to build stronger, healthier, and wealthier communities. If you missed his presentation at Spring Fling, take some time to watch it ([2016 Conference Seminars: Libraries as Centers for Civic Engagement](#)). He has a great message on how **communities can improve themselves**.

Kent will also be a guest on the WVLC TV show "Libraries Today" in June to discuss the topic of libraries as centers for civic engagement with the public.

The discussion will highlight ideas on how communities can work together to talk, collaborate and support important issues impacting WV cities today.

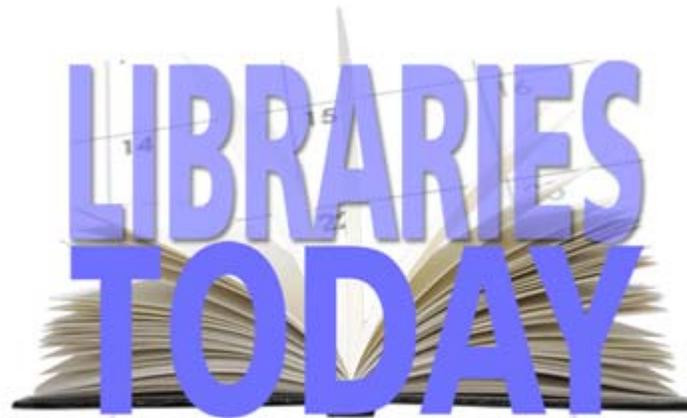
### Other Presentations from Spring Fling to Check Out... (2016 Conference Seminars)

[Employment Considerations within Public Libraries](#)

[Early Literacy Initiative](#)

[Mobile Programming](#)

[Teen and Tween Programs in Libraries](#)



**April Episode (2 Parts): "WVLA Spring Fling Conference"**

Formerly "Library Update", "Libraries Today" is intended to recognize and highlight the unexpected ways local libraries serve their communities today.

The April episode of Libraries Today takes us to the West Virginia Library Association's Spring Fling Conference.

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# Check It Out!

*"Libraries Today" Short Video Segments*

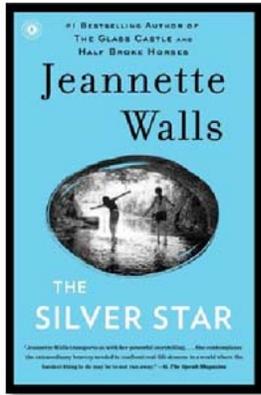


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to the DISCUSSION!

# WVLC Book Discussion GROUP



Featured Book of the Month!

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*The Silver Star* by Jeannette Walls

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls' gripping new novel that "transports us with her powerful storytelling...She contemplates the extraordinary bravery needed to confront real-life demons in a world where the hardest thing to do may be to not run away" (*O, The Oprah Magazine*).

[Jeanette Walls, author of the Glass Castle, talks about the characters of her novel, The Silver Star.](#)

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



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### Ashton Marra on How to Pitch Public Broadcasting

Posted on 05.04.16 by Hub Staff

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Ashton Marra at Hubapalooza. Photo by D.E. Raines

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## Did You Miss Hubapalooza Last Week?

Ashton Marra, the Assistant News Director at West Virginia Public Broadcasting shared an excellent presentation on How to Pitch Broadcasting.



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## Keyser-Mineral County Public Library having fun on Bookface Friday!



Bookface involves strategically lining up your face or another body part alongside a book cover that features a matching body part so that there appears a melding of life and art. Librarians and other book lovers post these photos weekly on visual apps like Instagram, using the caption #BookfaceFriday.



**Georgina Doss, Director of the Milton Public Library** wanted to find a “creative” way to increase circulation of science and art books in her library. She wanted to demonstrate how the arts and sciences can go hand-in-hand, but didn’t have a lot of space in the library to focus on this wonderful collaboration effort. So, she resorted to a portable solution – a Maker Space. Basically, a Maker Space is a cart filled with a large variety of creative and inventive supplies such as: origami, knitting, drafting, jewelry making, wire art, electronics...the combinations can be endless! The idea is to engage patrons of all ages to sit, relax and have fun doing

something they enjoy or learn something new.

Georgina received a grant to fund and promote the library's new Maker Space at the **Tinker Tuesday Open House at Milton PL on May 10th**. There will be numerous activities for various age groups throughout the day to include some of the Maker Space items. Stop by Milton PL to participate in some of the Open House excitement or any following Tuesday thereafter to tinker, invent, create or just have fun!

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## **Mark Your Calendar!**



**May 8:** Mother's Day

**May 10:** Primary Election Day ~ WVLC Closed

**May 19:** Letters About Literature ~ Award Ceremony

**May 20:** WVLC Commissioners Meeting (10:00 a.m. @ WVLC)

**May 21:** Armed Forces Day

**May 30:** Memorial Day ~ WVLC Closed

**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!



***Be the first to send me feedback and win a prize!***

**Send feedback on what topic you would like to see featured on the WVLC "Libraries Today" TV Show.**

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*Answer and winner will be announced next newsletter. Winners limited to one win every six months.*

***March Question:*** What year was the WV Library Commission established? When did the Culture Center become the home of the

WV Library Commission? **Answer:** 1929, 1976

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