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## Putting West Virginia to Work!

**WVLC PARTNERS WITH STATE AGENCIES TO PLACE COMPUTERS AND CAREER PREP SERVICES  
IN LIBRARIES AND ONE-STOP CENTERS**



A recent partnership between the West Virginia Library Commission and WorkForce WV, a division of the state Department of Commerce is showing results. According to project coordinator Melissa Brown, 121 public access computers have or will be placed in 46 libraries across the state. While anyone may use these computers, priority will be given to those using the computers in job searches, writing resumes, and other career readiness activities. Users have access to *Job and Career Accelerator* and other databases and services from the Library Commission through the WVInfoDepot portal to help in the job search and preparedness process. Secretary Karen Goff commented, "We are so pleased to partner with the Department of Commerce to help West Virginians find jobs and prepare for their future."

With a soft economy, and a changing demographic environment in West Virginia, more and more persons are looking to make career changes or looking for regular employment. Most job and career searches today are technology-driven, meaning vacancies are posted online and applications, resumes, etc, are filed electronically rather than by traditional means. With excellent supporting databases and now with these public computers, West Virginia's public libraries are primed and ready to meet the needs of the state's changing environment. Some computers have Skype videoconferencing software to allow interviews to be conducted online. Public libraries are often the only places with high-speed Internet and such capabilities in some communities.

The Library Commission has also, last week, entered into a partnership with the Southwest West Virginia Workforce Investment Board (Region 2) to implement a new software/database package in seven One-Stop career centers in the most economically depressed area of the state. The new product will allow clients of these centers to use *Job and Career Accelerator* and similar products in their career readiness, GED and job search activities, and give those centers the capability to track the usage and outputs of their clients. The Region 2 WIB is the pilot project for this program, which WVLC hopes to expand to the remainder of the state.

# **FABULOUS FRIDAYS!**

**WVLC TRAINING WEBINARS TO BE  
CONTINUED IN AUGUST**

**CONCLUDING AUGUST 17TH**

**“Comics, Graphics Novels and  
Manga, Oh MY!”**

**Heather Campbell Shock explains ways  
these popular items can be integrated  
into your collection.**

To register for these courses and to obtain log-in information, please email [rebecca.j.rice@wv.gov](mailto:rebecca.j.rice@wv.gov). Please specify the webinar you are interested in.

There is no charge to WV public librarians to take these webinars! **Participants will receive 1 hour CE Credit for each course, but pre-registration is required to receive credit.**



## ***Library Lookout***

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Division

### **West Virginia Library Commission**

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Charleston WV 25305.

Karen E. Goff, Secretary/State Librarian  
John Paul Myrick, Editor

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS ABOUT  
WEST VIRGINIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES!!!**

## **LEARNING EXPRESS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED**



LearningExpress will be enhancing its website infrastructure in August.

Please note that LearningExpress Library™, Job & Career Accelerator™, LearningExpress Advantage, and the LearningExpress Reporting Portal will be unavailable from 7:00 PM (EDT), August 24, 2012, until 8:00 AM (EDT), August 25, 2012, for scheduled system maintenance.

## **SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES**

[Tuition Funding Sources](#) is a website now available to libraries as a free internet resource. Their is to increase scholarship availability and awareness for high school and college students (and their parents); especially those students that are economically disadvantaged and otherwise might be left behind.

TFS has been collecting scholarship information for 24 years and has the largest scholarship database in the nation. Their database has been displayed in the Smithsonian and is sponsored by Pepsi-Cola. The website is completely non-commercial and there are no advertisements – not even for Pepsi products. Libraries and their patrons can use the service without charge.

For more information, contact [Sally Stephens](#) with TFS.

## **BROCHURE AVAILABLE ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA GRANT INFORMATION COLLECTIONS**

The Foundation Center Cooperating Collections of West Virginia has developed a [brochure](#) to briefly explain the collections and services of the eight Foundation Center collections in libraries in West Virginia. WVLC is hosting this brochure for them on our website. This brochure can be printed out and given to library users looking for more infor-

**PLEASE THANK YOUR LEGISLATORS AND LOCAL  
OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES!**

# FROM THE SECRETARY..

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



I heard a statement this week that everything we do is dependent to some degree on the actions of others. That statement applies to organizations as well as individuals. Partnership is a way to channel that interdependence to leverage resources, increase expertise, strengthen services, and achieve change. The Institute of Museum and Library Services built this idea into its 2012-2016 Strategic Plan. The West Virginia Library Commission built it into its 2013-2017 LSTA Five Year Plan, Creating a State of Learners. Why? Partnerships are an excellent way for libraries to deliver service and establish value. No single organization or agency has the staff or resources to serve the complex needs of a community.

One of the greatest challenges facing individuals, communities, the state, and the nation is unemployment and underemployment. What can a one person library in a small rural community do to address this challenge? Form partnerships and take advantage of partnerships formed by others; make the library an essential ingredient in the solution. That is the goal of the partnership between WVLC and WorkForce WV reported on page 1 of this issue. WorkForce WV recognized that libraries are located in 175 facilities across the state: facilities that are open evenings and weekends; facilities with trained staff, Internet access, resources, and positive image; facilities uniquely equipped to meet community needs.

Public libraries have always helped people find jobs, prepare resumes, and upgrade skills. Now is not the time to say “My library does not have the time”, “My library does not have the space”, “My library does not have the skills” to help meet this community challenge. Now is the time to demonstrate the value of the public library. WVLC makes sure each library has Internet service, and job and career based resources, and staff training opportunities, but each library has to deliver the services locally, and deliver them well.

## **BIBLIOSTAT REPORTS ARE DUE AUGUST 15, 2012!**



**PLEASE TELL WVLC ABOUT YOUR SUMMER  
READING PROGRAM**

Send photos, details to [Suzy McGinley](mailto:SuzyMcGinley).

**Are you in a “Instant”  
or “Outpost” library  
building?**

*Please share your anecdotes, stories, photos, etc.*

*with [John Paul Myrick](#) for an upcoming history project marking the 40th anniversary of these facilities.*



# LYRASIS Training Courses Available to West Virginia Library Staff

Got a training or staff development need? Look to LYRASIS to help you out. Thanks to the West Virginia Library Commission, library staff members from West Virginia public and school libraries are able to attend LYRASIS training at discounted LYRASIS member rates. LYRASIS' program of professional development is designed to engage library staff and enhance the skills of the library community. LYRASIS training helps libraries navigate a changing landscape, as well as develop and adopt innovative technologies and solutions. The majority of classes are delivered online, both live and "on-demand," but in person training is also available. A sample of upcoming classes include:

8/03/12 (2:00 - 4:00)	<a href="#">Advocacy: Community (Live Online)</a>
8/06/12 (2:00 - 4:00)	<a href="#">Introducing RDA 1: Structure, Principles and Core Elements (Live Online)</a>
8/08/12 (10:00 - 11:00)	<a href="#">LYRASIS Technology Services Presents: Evergreen Demo (Live Online)</a>
8/09/12 (2:00 - 3:00)	<a href="#">Mass Digitization Collaborative Information Session (Live Online)</a>
8/15/12 (10:00 - 12:00)	<a href="#">Introduction to Audio-Visual Cataloging (Live Online)</a>

The [full catalog of LYRASIS courses](#) is available for browsing,

To register, click on the course you'd like to take and then the "register" link for members. You'll be prompted to log in to My LYRASIS (if you don't already have an account, you can select "non-member" at this point and finish the registration process manually). Your registration will be processed and a confirming email sent along with instructions for accessing the course. If you have questions about the registration process, contact [es@lyrasis.org](mailto:es@lyrasis.org).

[Technical requirements for online courses](#) are available at their website.

For more information about Lyrasis course offerings email [Lyrasis](#) or call contact or 800 999 8558 x2953. Lyrasis (formerly SoliNET and PaliNET) is a multistate consortia of libraries and library agencies of which the West Virginia Library Commission has been a member for decades. Lyrasis partners with member libraries to create, access and manage information, while building and sustaining collaboration, enhancing library and technology operations, and increasing buying power.

***Please remember that WVLC also has some CE funding available for public library employees and WVLA has some funding available to support CE for all libraries.***

## CATALOGING CLASSES SCHEDULED

WVLC's Shannon Watson will be traveling the state providing beginner and refresher cataloging classes during August. If you are in need of a beginning or refresher cataloging course please register through the calendar at the WVLC [Continuing Education Website](#). Please DO NOT show up at the training without registering. CE credit from WVLC will be given on an hour for hour contact=credit basis for *beginning classes only* up to the maximum allowable hours. Re-certifications are not given CE credit.

During August, Shannon will be providing the following training sessions:

**Cataloging Level 1 Beginner** — Tuesday, August 28, 2012. 10:30 AM. New Martinsville Public Library.

*This is a beginning level one class, intended for those who are not certified in cataloging (or who haven't had the class in a long time). This hands-on workshop teaches participants how to attach and delete items, read basic MARC fields and match items to the correct bibliographic record. The participants will also learn searching tips and general NorLN policies.*

**Cataloging Level 1 Recertification** — Friday, August 31, 2012. 10:30 AM. Mary H. Weir Public Library.

*This is a refresher class. Please attend only if you are already certified as a level one. Level 2's and level 3's need not attend. This workshop provides a more in depth look at MARC coding to prepare participants for level 2 cataloging. The participants will also learn searching tips.*

**Cataloging Level 2 Recertification** — Friday, August 17, 2012. 10:30 AM. Upshur County Library

**Cataloging Level 2 Recertification** — Monday, August 20, 2012. 9:30 AM. Clarksburg-Harrison County Library.

**Cataloging Level 2 Recertification** — Wednesday, August 29, 2012. 10:30 AM. New Martinsville Public Library.

**Cataloging Level 2 Recertification** — Thursday, August 30, 2012. 10:30 AM. Brooke County Public Library

*Cataloging Level 2 Recertification will count as the recertification class, but it will also cover the new RDA standards. This class is geared towards those already level 2 or 3. If you are a level 1 and would like to become a level 2 please [email Shannon](#) before signing up, it is recommended you have a good understanding of MARC before taking this class. There will be Level 2 beginner classes coming soon. Participants will learn to apply RDA in updating MARC bibliographic records for books, sound recordings, and videorecordings. The participants will also learn advanced Millennium functions including how to import records, validate headings and searching tips.*

*If you have questions about the cataloging training, please call Shannon Watson at WVLC.*

### **HAVE YOU BUILT OR RENOVATED YOUR BUILDING LATELY? HAD A SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY LEVY?**

#### ***Library Journal Surveying Public and Academic Library Projects***

The 2012 Library Journal Architectural Issue has changed its publication date, so deadlines have changed. 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.* Please take part in the survey. The public library survey can be completed at the [PL Library Journal site](#); and the academic library survey can be completed at the [AL Library Journal site](#). Please submit all data by September 10, 2012.

**Library Journal is also compiling research on library levies/referenda.** If you had/are having a Referenda for capital improvements and/or operating funds between December 1, 2011 and November 30, 2012, please tell them how it turned out at the [Referenda website](#).

Also, please share your submission with [John Paul Myrick](#) at the West Virginia Library Commission.

# News from the West Virginia Book Festival

MARK THE  
DATE!

OCT 13-14  
CHARLESTON

The **West Virginia Book Festival**, an annual, two-day event celebrating books and reading, will offer something for all age groups. Several authors are scheduled to participate in book signings, readings, workshops and panel discussions. Activities for children include special programs, crafts and more. Kanawha County Public Library's annual used book sale will be held both days. **Admission to the festival is free.**

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will help in a variety of ways, including set-up, break-down, assisting authors and presenters and assisting with the used book sale, Festival Marketplace, children's programs, crafts and information tables. The deadline for volunteers to apply is Sept. 1.

Visit the [website](#) or call 304-343-4646, ext. 273, for a volunteer application or for more information.

## 'Longmire' author added to Book Festival line-up

A&E Network's new contemporary crime series set in Big Sky Country, "Longmire," stars Robert Taylor, Katee Sackhoff and Lou Diamond Phillips and is based upon the Walt Longmire mystery novels by best-selling author **Craig Johnson**.

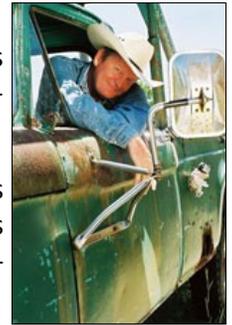
Johnson will speak on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the West Virginia Book Festival. The title of his talk is "How Many People Can You Kill in a Town of 25?"

Johnson has received high praise for his novels "The Cold Dish," "Death Without Company," "Kindness Goes Unpunished," "Another Man's Moccasins," "Hell Is Empty" and "The Dark Horse," which was named one of Publisher's Weekly's best books of the year (2009).

"Another Man's Moccasins" received the Western Writers of America Spur Award for best novel of 2008 as well as the Mountains and Plains award for fiction book of the year. His latest Longmire novel, "As the Crow Flies," was released in May.

A board member of the Mystery Writers of America, he lives in Ucross, Wyo., population 25.

Johnson joins best-selling author of books for teens **Tamora Pierce**, and children's author **Marc Tyler Nobleman**, among others, in the line-up for the festival.



## Pop-up book designer scheduled for festival

As a "paper engineer," **Robert Sabuda** creates pop-up books. But these aren't your grandmother's pop-up books. They spin, float, flip and rotate with intricate, carefully designed moments of magic.

Sabuda has created 33 books in the past 15 years. He'll speak about his work and sign books immediately afterwards at the West Virginia Book Festival on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m.

With more than five million books in print that have been translated into 25 languages worldwide, he appears regularly on the television programs "The Today Show," "Good Morning America" and "Martha Stewart," where he shares his enthusiasm for creativity, children's book art and literature. His titles include "Chanukah Lights," "Beauty & the Beast," "Peter Pan" and many more.

## Charlaine Harris coming to Festival

New York Times bestselling author **Charlaine Harris**, known for her Sookie Stackhouse urban fantasy series – the basis for the hit HBO series "True Blood" – will be the headliner for the 12th annual West Virginia Book Festival. She will speak, answer questions and sign books at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the coliseum of the Charleston Civic Center.

The 12-book series features a telepathic waitress who works in a bar in the fictional northern Louisiana town of Bon Temps. The first book, *Dead Until Dark*, won the Anthony Award for Best Paperback Mystery in 2001. Each book follows Sookie's adventures involving vampires, werewolves and other supernatural creatures. A new title, *Deadlocked*, will be released in May. "True Blood" is the wildly popular HBO series based upon the books; the fourth season premieres June 10.



**FESTIVAL WEBSITE:** [www.wvbookfestival.org](http://www.wvbookfestival.org)

## WV LIBRARY JOBS

### YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR - SOUTH CHARLESTON (WV) PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are seeking a creative and dynamic team member to head the Youth Services Department of our independent, municipal public library. Our active Youth Services program is recognized as one of the best in West Virginia. REQUIREMENTS: MLS from an ALA accredited school and at least two years of experience in youth services. This person must work well with all types of people, but especially children, and must be able to supervise a small staff. The successful applicant must have extensive knowledge of child development and children's literature and must have experience developing programs that will appeal to youth of all ages. This person must be knowledgeable about current trends affecting children's programming. Skill in written and oral communications, as well as in the use of basic Microsoft software, is a must. Some evening and weekend work is required. This position requires bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting up to 50 pounds. For a complete job description, including salary range, visit [www.southcharlestonlibrary.org](http://www.southcharlestonlibrary.org). To apply, send a resume with three professional references, by October 1, 2012, to: Barbara O'Hara, Director, South Charleston Public Library, 312 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303, South Charleston Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### PART-TIME ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN--YOUTH SERVICES – SOUTH CHARLESTON (WV) PUBLIC LIBRARY

REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education, elementary education or librarianship preferred. Bachelor's Degree in some discipline required. Must be able to assist in the development and production of programs for young children. Must have basic Microsoft computer skills. Familiarity with website development, downloadable e-books, and social media a plus. Must be able to supervise others. Must be able to work some evenings and weekends, as hours of work will vary. PRIMARY DUTIES: Responsible for assisting Director of Youth Services in providing services, materials and activities for children. Assists with management of the juvenile collection. Assists with publicity for the juvenile collection or programs. SECONDARY DUTIES: Assists with reference questions as needed. Must be familiar with and be able to help patrons with all library activities. Need to have customer service experience. Represents the library in the community and at professional meetings. Participates as much as time allows in professional organizations. Other duties as assigned by the Youth Services Director or Library Director. To apply, send resume to South Charleston Public Library, 312 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303. For more information, contact Barbara O'Hara at 304-744-6561. South Charleston Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### LIBRARIAN I—CLARKSBURG HARRISON COUNTY (WV) LIBRARY

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library is currently seeking a new MLIS librarian. Under the general supervision of the Library Director, this position performs a variety of professional level activities in areas including collection development, planning, and programming. **Example of Duties include:** Works with the Director and Head of Cataloging on collection development, purchasing, cataloging, and preparing materials for use, Maintains and updates library's website and social media presence, Helps develop and implement programming suited to the needs of the surrounding community, Creates a variety of displays to highlight aspects of the library's collection or library programming, Helps advertise the library by creating promotional materials, contacting media sources, and developing new ways to connect with the community, Seeks out opportunities to do outreach in the community and opportunities to partner with other community groups, Works the circulation and reference desks as needed; provides customer service. Must be able to work occasional nights and weekends, Other duties as assigned. **Minimum Qualifications:** Required: A Master's Degree in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited college or university. Preferred: Public library experience. Experience with cataloging, web management and technology a plus. Necessary Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Knowledge of the principles and practices of library science including reference techniques, collection development, readers' advisory, cataloging and classification, and online services, Knowledge of the provision of library services to specialized patron groups, such as children, student, adult independent learners, recreational readers and unsophisticated or non-users, General knowledge of public service management theory and practice, including customer service, time management, organizational skills, community relations, and publicity, promotion, and marketing techniques, Continuing knowledge of current trends and developments in the library field, Good human relations and communications skills, Ability to establish and maintain effective, productive working relationships with co-workers and the public, The above is intended to describe the general content of the requirements for the performance of this job. It is not to be construed as an exhaustive statement of duties, responsibilities or requirements. To apply, email resume and cover letter to [jennifer.armistead@clark.lib.wv.us](mailto:jennifer.armistead@clark.lib.wv.us) or mail to Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, ATTN: Jennifer Armistead, 404 W Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV, 26301. The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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