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Happy Retirement!

WVLC bids a fond farewell to two long-time employees this month. Both **Vickie Morris** and **Fred Vickers** retired in June.



Fred began working for WVLC in 1986, originally serving in the TV studio as a technical director and master control operator. Later, he took his expertise to Network Services where he acted as the department's resident technical guru. Now that he can spend more time at home, he plans to keep himself busy travelling and driving his wife crazy on a full-time basis.



Vickie has worn many hats since starting at the Library Commission in 1980, working in Technical Services, Special Services, Direct Services, and State Library Services. An outstanding employee for 36 years, her work ethic and knowledge of library services was always on full display. Vickie plans to spend retirement with her family, and working on the many home projects on her to-do list.

Thanks to both of you for the MANY years of hard work and dedication. You will be missed!

a message from...

the West Virginia Library Commission

From the Secretary

July 2017



Now that the state budget is not a primary source of worry, at least for a while, I'm focusing my worry on the Federal budget. This week, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) released reports with detailed views of IMLS funding for the past six years (FY 2011 through FY 2016) for every state across the nation and the District of Columbia. It is the first time the agency has compiled information across in this manner.

The [IMLS funding report for each state](#) includes total dollars and counts of IMLS grants and awards, as well as amounts of grantee matches or state government maintenance of effort levels. It lists museums and libraries receiving IMLS awards and grants, and describes library Grants to States program projects.

The Grants to States program provides \$1.3 million annually to the West Virginia Library Commission. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is not funded in the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Hence my worry. And yes, I know that I have mentioned this before.

Regardless of the black cloud on the horizon, the Library Commission submitted its 2018-2022 plan for Federal funds to IMLS this week. Instead of the usual four or five goals, this plan has two: 1) Expand Access to Information; and 2) Facilitate Collaboration, Leadership, and Innovation in the Library Community.

In the next several months, Library Commission staff will be talking to you formally and informally to get your ideas on activities to accomplish these goals. Meanwhile, have a good summer. Don't forget the Project Outcome Summer Reading survey!

Karen Goff

WVLC Executive Secretary



TRUSTEE TIPS

Trustee Basics

In West Virginia, library trustees are appointed to staggered five year terms that begin on July 1 and expire on June 30. This means that July 1 is the beginning of a new adventure for some trustees and the continuation of the adventure for others, many who have served for decades. It also means that July is the perfect time to look at some library trustee basics.

"A Librarian's Benediction", written more than 80 years ago by the director of the Bowling Green, Ohio Public Library, captures the essence of being a trustee.

*“May this library ever be endowed with...a board of trustees
of broad, tolerant views, with vision to see the library’s real mission
and with courage to cling to it.”*

The Library Trustee/Library Director relationship is a partnership that requires a significant commitment to the purpose. Library trustees show up; even when the meeting is on an inconvenient day, even when the discussion is difficult, even when they just don’t feel like attending. There are 97 independent library boards in West Virginia, each deciding how to best deliver library services in their communities with the dollars available and how to secure additional funds for additional services.

In the rapidly changing library environment, trustees must be aggressive in exploring how these changes affect the local library. This includes attending local, regional, state, and occasionally even national library workshops, conferences and events. It is tempting for boards to fall into the trap of focusing on topics like insurance, personnel, and building maintenance. These are important and necessary but so are service issues; issues that relate directly to library users – and non-users.

Planning is one of the most important trusts that the community gives to the library board. Planning is deciding what is going to happen with library services over the next few years. It is taking charge of the library’s future and creating it to be responsive to what the community needs.

Library Trustees bring diverse talents and skills to the table but all are guardians of a valuable public asset – the library. Thank you for accepting these awesome responsibilities and best wishes for a great year.

Summer Learning

Every year at this time, WVLC urges libraries to offer summer reading and education programs to children, teens, and adults. These Summer Learning Programs can help libraries build a better community.



The Nitro Public Library and the Cross Lanes Public Library are doing their part with a special Rock Painting project. In June, the libraries hosted their "Teen Building: Community Kindness Project", which encourages teens to paint a rock with positive words and then leave it somewhere in the community to inspire those that find it. It’s a great program.



Be sure to let us know what kinds of things you’re doing as part of your **Summer of Learning!**



Stories From The ALA

Disadvantaged Neighborhood Finds Its Voice in the Local Library

The Hartford (Conn.) Public Library has a long history with community engagement; it regularly sponsors community dialogues and youth forums. So after learning residents from a disadvantaged neighborhood felt underserved and misrepresented, the library jumped at the chance to strengthen the neighborhood's bond to the rest of the city.



Hartford's North End consists of a group of neighborhoods with some of the lowest income levels in the United States. To learn more about the community, the library hosted a series of small "kitchen table-style" conversations. [Read More.](#)

Great Stories Club - Mountaintop Public Library

In January, Mountaintop Public Library was selected as one of 77 libraries across the country to take part in the American Library Association's latest project, Great Stories Club - Structures of Suffering: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide. The program is a reading and discussion project targeting under-served, troubled teen populations.

Mountaintop Director Ivonne Martinez reports the Great Stories Club is in full swing. To begin the project, she and her group of teens read the book, "It's Kind of a Funny Story". As part of the program, the kids drew a brain map of themselves, pictured here.

The group is also working on a Romeo and Juliet graphic novel, and a third book, "13 Reasons Why". Ivonne says, "I



am completely in awe of the teens that I am working with. They are so excited to participate in this program."



Learn More

Why not begin a child's love for nonfiction with online articles? ReadWorks.org, a non-profit organization that delivers content, curriculum, and training to K-12 teachers and students, offers audio versions of high-quality, library-curated nonfiction and literary articles that students can read along with. In addition to the articles, the organization provides vocabulary and comprehension questions as well as allows teachers several search options for articles, such as Lexile number, grade level, and English Language Learners.

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Why Reading Aloud
Is Crucial

The Article-A-Day feature is a great way to start a routine. Having students take 10 minutes to read an article as part of related course work, can be the perfect start to a lesson or program. Another option is to project the article on a screen so the class can read along together and use the provided questions to engage in a lively discussion.

So, if you are a teacher or you know a teacher, suggest they check out ReadWorks.org. Signing up is easy! Teachers can visit ReadWorks.org to create a class account for their students to use as a group or individually. For more information on setting up a teacher class account, visit the "[How to Use the Site](#)" section of ReadWorks.org's website. Several instructional videos are available.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions at melissa.j.brown@wv.gov or 304-558-2041.

Melissa Brown

WVLC Continuing Education Consultant

A Message from the WVLC

This year WVLC has changed how library staff applies for scholarships to conferences, as well as included additional questions. Library staff can now apply electronically for scholarships year-round, even for events not listed.



Additional questions relating to travel expenses are included in the application and will be used to revise the scholarship amounts.

For the following conferences, have the scholarship application in before:

- ARSL - July 15, 2017
- ABOS - August 15, 2017
- WVLA Annual - September 1, 2017
- ALA Mid-Winter - December 1, 2017
- PLA - December 1, 2017

- WVLA Spring Fling - February 1, 2018
- Computers in Libraries - January 1, 2018

The link for applying year round is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018cg>.

The ABCs of Library Fundraising



The Friends of the Kenai (Alaska) Community Library found a unique way of raising money for their local library. They created an alphabet wall.

Donors were invited to contribute \$125 to purchase a letter that would be engraved with a name of their choice. The library obtained a variety of wooden letters at a reasonable price and had them engraved locally. The library used both capital and lower case letters of various colors to make the project stand out. Not only was the fundraiser a big financial success, it provided the library with a distinctive, literary decor.

WVLC Notices

- **Elkins-Randolph County Public Library:** Audrey Taylor has resigned after 27 years. Stephanie Murphy is the Interim Director.
- **July 1:** Sutton Public Library celebrates its 50th Anniversary.
- **July 4th - Independence Day:** WVLC is closed.
- **Bibliostat Reporting Window:** July 5 - August 18



Don't miss the Latest Edition of *Libraries Today*!

Libraries Today takes a closer look at one of its signature programs in its July edition, now available on the **Library Television Network's YouTube**



Channel.

This spring, more than 700 West Virginia students took part in Letters About Literature, a reading and writing contest sponsored by the West Virginia Center for the Book at the Library Commission. We'll hear from some of the award winners themselves in this latest edition of Libraries Today.



[Check it out!](#)



WVLC Book Discussion and ADD GROUP to the DISCUSSION!

and the native Kipsigis tribe who share his estate. Her unconventional upbringing transforms Beryl into a bold young woman with a fierce love of all things wild and an inherent understanding of nature's delicate balance.

Beryl forges her own path as a horse trainer, and her uncommon style attracts the eye of the Happy Valley set, a decadent, bohemian community of European expats who also live and love by their own set of rules. But it's the ruggedly charismatic Denys Finch Hatton who ultimately helps Beryl navigate the uncharted territory of her own heart. The intensity of their love reveals Beryl's truest self and her fate: to fly.

Set against the majestic landscape of early-twentieth-century Africa, McLain's powerful tale reveals the extraordinary adventures of a woman before her time, the exhilaration of freedom and its cost, and the tenacity of the human spirit. (*From the publisher.*)

Pair this reading with the movie to experience the Kenyan environment. Litlovers.com has discussion questions, author bio and book reviews for this book.

Contact Library Development Services to request this book for your book group! 304-558-3978 or heather.s.campbell@wv.gov.

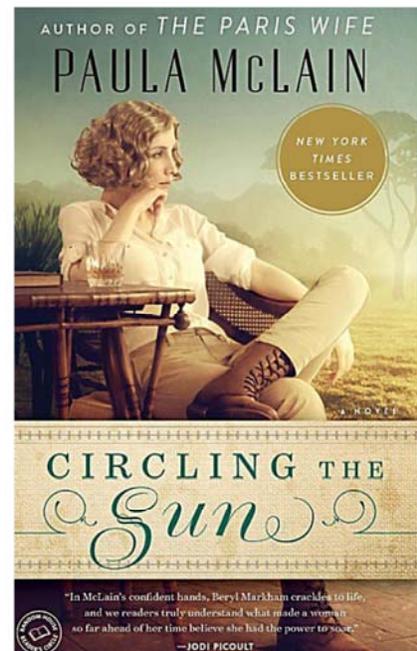
Featured Book of the Month!

Circling the Sun

by Paula McLain

Circling the Sun is a fictionalized account of Beryl Markham: horse-trainer, aviator, adventurer made famous through the Isak Dinesen memoir made-into-film *Out of Africa*.

Brought to Kenya from England as a child and then abandoned by her mother, Beryl is raised by both her father



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Highlighted content from WebJunction

These resources can help you strengthen your library and services to the community, explore them today!

- [Free Activity Calendars Put Programming at Your Fingertips](#): Library users young and old benefit from the fun, exciting, and educational programming you offer in your schools and libraries. But little do they know how much hard work and planning goes into putting those activities together! Check out these free, downloadable resources.
- [Librarians who Wikipedia](#): This series highlights public library staff who are using Wikipedia. Wikipedia + Libraries: Better Together is a WebJunction project that bridges public library staff and Wikipedia. A popular and convenient reference source, Wikipedia is the sixth-most visited website online. What can Wikipedia do for public libraries? We've recently launched a new series of articles called Librarians Who Wikipedia. We speak with public library staff who have meaningfully engaged with Wikipedia to hear what it has brought to them and their message for other public library staff.

Upcoming Webinars

If you can't attend a live session, all WebJunction webinars are recorded and available for free in the [course catalog](#).

Wikipedia for Libraries: Preview the Possibilities, Discover the Opportunities

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/wikipedia-for-libraries.html>

Wikipedia is more than its collection of user-contributed articles; it is a dynamic community with powerful tools that

ensure reliability. For public libraries, Wikipedia can be a useful tool to connect patrons with quality information and help them build information literacy skills. In this webinar, learn how you can use Wikipedia to expand access to your collections and creatively engage your communities.

Gain an understanding of the editorial process from OCLC's Wikipedian-in-Residence and discover how guest presenter Tiffany Bailey has successfully used Wikipedia for community outreach and partnership-building at Dallas Public Library.

Presented by: **Monika Sengul-Jones**, Wikipedian-in-Residence, OCLC; and **Tiffany Bailey**, Fine Arts Division Manager, Dallas Public Library

Measures that Matter Part Three: Moving Toward More Meaningful Measures

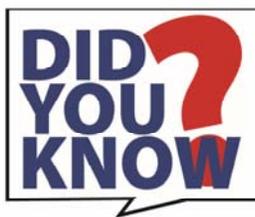
Wednesday, July 26, 2017 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ 1 hour

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/measures-that-matter-3.html>

Circulation, visits, program attendance, patron satisfaction...these are some of the many measures commonly collected by public librarians. But how well do we understand what measures tell the most meaningful stories of today's libraries? During the first two webinars in this series, we discussed the current state of the public library data landscape – what data collection efforts exist at the national level and how they impact what we know about libraries and their patrons. In this third webinar, we will look toward the future, considering what data public librarians should collect to demonstrate their impact. To do this, we will hear from speakers both within and outside of the library field who will provide multiple perspectives on meaningful measures.

This webinar is the third in a three-part series about the Institute of Museum and Library Services' and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies' Measures that Matter initiative, a field-wide discussion of the current state of public library data.

Presented by: **Chantal Stevens**, Executive Director, Community Indicators Consortium; **Rebecca Jones**, Director, Branch & Neighborhood Services, Brampton Public Library; and **Linda Hofschire**, Director, Library Research Service, Colorado State Library



Greenbrier County's original library opened in 1941 in a historic building that once housed the Virginia Supreme Court Library in the 1830s. This building served as the library's home for the next 66 years, until the move to its current facility in 2007. The library serves more than 7,900 residents in Lewisburg and surrounding areas.

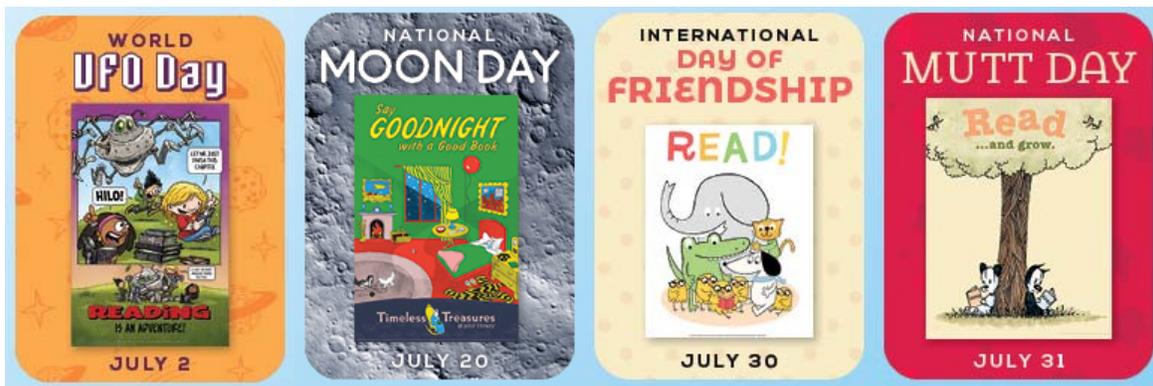


Don't forget the 2017 Bibliostat reporting window - July 5th through August 18th. For more information, contact [Susan Bailey](#) at (304) 558-2041.

Mark Your Calendar!



- July 1:** U.S Postage Stamp Day
- July 2:** World UFO Day
- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 15:** World Youth Skills Day
- July 20:** National Moon Day
- July 30:** International Day of Friendship
- July 31:** National Mutt Day



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