

Dear WLMA Members. Happy Friday!

**PLEASE read through this e-news thoroughly. It isn't brief, but it's important. Lots to share with you....much of it *very time-sensitive*.**

- **Terry Bergeson presented her proposal to the Basic Education Joint Task Force Meeting on Monday, June 9.** School libraries were included under “Staffing Model, Part B: Libraries for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Learning and Resource Centers for the School.”

**Proposal Summary:** Provide funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries by improving funding for Teacher Librarians, Library Aides, and resources to improve library collections, research resources and databases, and equipment. Libraries provide critical support for the state’s four academic learning goals by improving student access to information to solve problems and use technology applications to improve their learning. Specifically, state funding should include a Librarian ratio allocation of 1 per 500 students; a Library Aids ration allocation of 1 per 500 elementary students, 1 per 750 middle school students, 1 per 1,000 high school students; and \$25 student funding for library collections and equipment.

Key policy embedded in funding—libraries should not always be a mechanism to provide teachers with planning time. In many schools, the library (and art, music, physical education) provides the planning time for teachers, so teachers do not accompany their students into the library to divide students and provide more students with one-on-one attention. This proposal assumes that teacher planning time is largely accomplished through other funding mechanisms and will encourage more frequent interaction between the teacher/librarian/students. This interaction is critical to ensure that libraries are an extension of classroom learning; they are linked to lesson plans and learning standards; and that what students do in the library contributes directly to work assigned in the classroom.

**Watch for more details as the JTF meetings continue. Encourage your colleagues to sign up for the WLMA listserv in order to receive updates. We will continue to be calling on you to send us your personal experiences. For example, a document that “Walks us through your day” or statements from students, “What my Library and TL does for me”.**

- **The OSPI Grant Process. How your District will receive their share of the \$4million.**

Make sure your school takes advantage of the \$4/student allocated for libraries from the Washington State Legislature during the past session. All public schools in

Washington State are eligible. However, in order to receive these funds, schools must apply online by July 1st.

The application is available on the OSPI iGrant website at

<https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/Default.aspx>

It's a short, simple form that requires the district to follow 3 basic guidelines and answer 3 questions.

#### Guidelines:

1. Ensure that the district will use the funds to maintain and improve library materials, collections and services.
2. Ensure that the funds will augment current funding for library programs provided through basic education and other existing funding sources.
3. Ensure that to the maximum extent possible library programs and services are equitably provided throughout the district.

#### Questions:

- \* Explain the district's plan to use these funds to augment the district's current library program(s).
- \* Describe how the funds will be used for library materials, collections, and services.
- \* Describe how library programs and services are equitably provided throughout the district to the maximum extent possible.

If your district has questions about the application process and accessing the iGrant materials, you can email Gayle Pauley at OSPI: [gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us](mailto:gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us).

Time is of the essence. Don't miss out - apply today!

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- **Not so good news...**

**Mount Vernon and Franklin Pierce (in Tacoma) School Districts are making drastic cuts in the Teacher-Librarian positions because of budget deficits.**

What can you do? Sign the petition, contact parents and community members and stay informed. Show everyone your very best T-L skills and how positively essential you are. Be visible. Edmonds SD survived some big cuts. *We can make a difference.* Edmonds TL's told me that they believe they were more effective in countering the cuts because they immediately called on their students' parents for support. Do you have a group of supporters that you could call on if something happened?

- **Many have asked for the Spokane Moms' addresses in order to express their appreciation and support. Here they are:**

Susan McBurney  
2308 S. Manito Blvd.  
Spokane WA 99203

Lisa Layer Brunkan  
1117 South Wall St.  
Spokane, WA 99204

Denette Hill  
1078 S. Wall Street  
Spokane, WA 99204-3744

- **Congratulations to Nadean Meyer on her selection a member of the Online Grade Level Resources Social studies Focus Group.** I know she will represent WLMA well and have meaningful knowledge to contribute to this valuable work!

- **AASL Emerging Leaders program.**

WLMA has decided to sponsor two AASL Emerging Leader Grants, one through AASL and one independently through WLMA. If you would like to be considered for the program, email me for details. Dave Sonnen participated as an AASL Emerging Leader and could also give you some insight.

- **Elections. Our WLMA 2008-2009 Slate of Officers. What a group!**
  1. Linda King, President-elect
  2. Steve Coker, Secretary
  3. Gary Simundson, Vice President (assuming the 2nd year for Linda King - VP is not normally up for election on this cycle)
  4. Roz Thompson, Senior-level Chair-elect
  5. Leigh Lohrasbi, Middle-level Chair-elect
  6. Kathy Kalich, Elementary-level Chair-elect
  7. Kate Pankiewicz will continue as Treasurer (bless you)

We are going to do an online election. Watch for an announcement via listserv and the website. Tentative voting dates: June 23-June 30

- **Library Leadership Information Literacy Institute (LLILI) website is ready for registration!**

Puget Sound ESD hosts the annual Library Leadership and Information Literacy Institute Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the PSESD facility in Renton. Nine 2-hour workshops featuring instructors from around the state will be provided.

Program: This year's institute focuses on encouraging advocacy and welcoming change. LLILI offers librarians an excellent arena for professional growth in order to increase their effectiveness in working with students and teachers.

Go to: [www.psesd.org/technology](http://www.psesd.org/technology)

Select: Library Media Services

Select: Library Leadership

You will find the date, times, session descriptions, and a PDF registration form on this page. Contact Person: Ann McLean, Library /Media Specialist, 425.917.7902, [amclean@psesd.org](mailto:amclean@psesd.org)

- **Thank you to Darrell Thompson and World Book!**

Darrell has arranged to have 9 sets of World Book Encyclopedias donated as incentives to our WLMA membership to get signatures on the WCSLit Petition. In addition, he has a \$4000 package of WB materials to give as well. Whichever WLMA Regions have the greatest percentage of signatures will be eligible for the drawing. Remember the goal is 10,000 signatures...hopefully with comments added...but we don't need to stop there! Drawing will be held at Conference in October. World Book reps are also distributing petitions as they visit schools. From Darrell: "Have a great World Book Day!"

- **Thank you, Scholastic!**

We continue to use the valuable "School Libraries Work!" with every presentation we make to legislators, administrators, and community members. Your generosity in printing this booklet, as well as having it available in PDF format, is a HUGE gesture of support and WLMA is most appreciative.

- **Thank You, Follett!**

Follett's Marketing Department released an email to all Follett registered Titlewave users explaining the application process for the \$4 million ("new money") iGrant available through OSPI. Your timeliness in getting the word out is great. Deadline: JULY 1!

### **Where are our AWARDS Nominations??**

Deadlines are fast approaching and no one has been nominated for any of the numerous awards available.

Ann says: "I am shocked to report that I have not received even one nominee for any award this year---Principal, Director, Superintendent, etc." Neither has Betty Marcoux—not one Teacher Librarian of the Year nomination.

What if we had an awards banquet and nobody received any awards? Ann Warner and Betty Marcoux are waiting to hear from you to nominate our colleagues. Their emails are on the WLMA webpage. All information for submitting names for awards is on the website.

I am certain that we have many laudable people who are worthy of our recognition.

*(It doesn't say much for the library community if we don't think we have anyone worth nominating.)*

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- **Well done, Chris Wolfe!**

WLMA member, Chris Wolfe, Teacher Librarian at Griffin School, along with Rhona Klein, project Director from WSL and Jody Glaubman, from Port Townsend Public Library presented a session at the WLA/OLA conference in April highlighting their projects. Chris has presented with Rhona Klein and Betty Marcoux, from the University of Washington, at 6 library conferences around the state, and Canada this school year. Look for them at ALA in Anaheim this June!

**Go ahead and register! OEMA/WLMA in Portland—October, 2008**

Registration is available on the website, <http://oemawlma2008.org/> Go ahead and make your hotel reservations, too. Postcard reminders are out, authors are scheduled, and sessions will be confirmed soon. If you have submitted a session proposal, you'll be hearing from us soon.

**Thanks, everyone! I promise future e-news won't be quite so lengthy. Have a fantastic, safe summer...stay in touch!**

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