

Services to Libraries Report

March 2015 – May 2015

The Future of Libraries – Beginning the Great Transformation

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Ten trends that will affect the development of the next generation library.

- 1 Communication systems are continually changing the way people access information.
- 2 All technology ends. All technologies commonly used today will be replaced...
- 3 We haven't yet reached the ultimate small particle for storage. But soon.
- 4 Search Technology will become increasingly more complicated.
- 5 Time compression is changing the lifestyle of library patrons.
- 6 Over time we will be transitioning to a verbal society.
- 7 The demand for global information is growing exponentially.
- 8 The stage is being set for a new era of Global Systems.
- 9 We are transitioning from a product-based economy to an experience based economy.
- 10 Libraries will transition from a center of information to a center of culture.

Recommendations for Libraries

The role of a library within a community is changing. The way people interact with the library and the services it offers is also changing. ...recommendations *for* libraries ...

- 1 Evaluate the library experience. Begin the process of testing patron's (*and the community's*) opinions, ideas, thoughts... get at the heart of the things that matter most in your community.
- 2 Embrace new information technologies. New products are being introduced on a daily basis and the vast majority of people are totally lost when it comes to deciding on what to use ...take the lead in helping the general public understand the new tech...
- 3 Preserve the memories of your own communities. While most libraries have become the document archive of their community, the memories of a community span much more than just documents. What did it sound like to drive down Main Street in 1950? ...Who are the people in these community photos and why were they important?
- 4 Experiment with creative spaces so the future role of the library can define itself. Since the role of the library 20 years from now is still a mystery ... put together creative spaces so staff members, library users, and the community at large can experiment... what ideas are drawing attention (*and should be continued*)...

For the full article, <http://www.davinciinstitute.com/papers/the-future-of-libraries/>

Summary of Activities

March 2015 to May 2015

2014 Digital Literacy, Digital Skills Training, and Washington Rural Heritage Grant Cycles Activity

Jeff Martin
Maura Walsh
Elizabeth Laukea
Jennifer Fenton
Evan Robb

Update on 2014 grant cycles:

- **2014 Digital Skills training:** Overall funding to support this grant cycle is \$450,000. There is a limit of \$50,000 per project. Seventeen projects were funded.
- **2014 Digital Literacy:** Overall funding for the cycle is \$75,000. There is a limit of \$7,500 per application. Twelve applications were funded.
- **2014 Washington Rural Heritage:** Overall funding for the cycle is \$50,000. Eight applications were funded.

New 2015 cycles:

- **2015 Digital Literacy:** Applications are being reviewed.
- **2015 Washington Rural Heritage:** Applications are being reviewed.

All Aboard for Kindergarten

Diane Hutchins

Held first advisory committee meeting at Airway Heights Library on March 25, 2015, with 11 members present including representatives from libraries, ESDs, OSPI, the Department of Early Learning, the Excelerate Success Partnership, Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington, and the Mobius Science Center/Children's Museum.

(Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, Dan Torres from ELPLP, was unable to attend. Gail Joseph, from the UW, and Lisa Russell, director of the Camas Early Learning Center, were also unable to attend the meeting.)

In addition to engaging in lively discussions relating to the work at hand, committee members, who represented numerous disciplines, began to learn more about what their respective organizations could bring to the table and how to communicate more effectively with those unfamiliar with their particular jargon and acronyms.

Ask WA

Nono Burling

- Lightning Talk at the Building Bridges conference in Spokane March 12 (this was a video presentation.)
- Presentation at WLA April 17 – Serving Teens Virtually – 15 attended
- Signed up Northwest Indian College
- Site Visit: University of Puget Sound – meet with 3 librarians
- Host two online meetings for the Collaborative VR Group – 6-7 people attended each session.
- Training at Lake Washington Institute of Technology – 5 attended
- Create document for libraries to share with schools on how to set up a “Class Visit”.

<p>Board training and site visits</p> <p>Carolyn Petersen Shirley Lewis</p>	<p>Petersen and Lewis spent the week of March 9th in Southeastern Washington. On March 9th Lewis conducted an orientation training session for the Walla Walla Rural Library district board. On Tuesday the pair visited the Columbia County Rural Library district in Dayton and the Denny Ashby library in Pomeroy. They toured the Neill Public Library in Pullman before travelling to Lind on Wednesday.</p> <p>Ritzville Public Library is collaborating with Lind-Ritzville middle school to provide services to the community. One day a week Ritzville Librarian Kylie Fulmer brings a book truck full of materials from the Ritzville library to the middle school library. She also does STEM related programming for youth on the day she visits. When Lewis and Petersen visited the principal proudly related all of the all 40+ of the grade school children who reside in the small town of Lind had attended the last library program Kylie had presented.</p> <p>After Lind the pair went to the Ritzville Library. There Petersen conducted an outreach training on how the Ritzville Library board might strengthen the Library's ties with its community.</p> <p>Thursday saw Lewis and Petersen learn about the diversity of Whitman County Library branches as they visited La Crosse, Endicott, St. John, Colfax, Palouse and Albion. In each branch they saw the flat screens purchased as a result of the Digital Skills grant awarded to the Whitman County Library. That evening Petersen conducted a combination orientation and community partnerships training for the Whitman County Library board.</p>
<p>Continuing Education Grants & ITCE Grants</p> <p>Jennifer Fenton</p>	<p>April 1st was the crossover date. Continuing Education (CE) grants no longer exist. We have replaced them with Professional Development (PD) grants.</p> <p>Lindberg, updated the CE (Continuing Education) Library Database Application in Access to reflect the transformation of the program from CE to PD (Professional Development), modified tables, queries, forms, macros, modules (backend coding) and reports, updated Mail Merge document linkage, etc.</p>
<p>Digital Literacy Grant Cycle.</p> <p>Jennifer Fenton Maura Walsh</p>	<p>New grant cycle for Digital Literacy closed on April 24. Site visits for 2014 Digital Literacy Grants are complete.</p>
<p>Digital Skills Training grants</p> <p>Elizabeth Iaukea Maura Walsh</p>	<p>Iaukea was able to visit most of the libraries with grants, and in most locations, attend all or part of one of their grant-funded workshops. In all she met with library staff at Spokane County Library System, Pierce County Library System, Spokane Public Library, Whitman County Library, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakama Nation Library, Lincoln County/Wilbur, Lopez Library, North Central Regional Libraries, Ellensburg, Port Townsend Library, Jamestown S'Klallam Library, Walla Walla County Library District, and Asotin County Library.</p>

<p>Digitization, collection, management & administration, website design</p> <p>Evan Robb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Washington Rural Heritage home page integrates StoryMap using Northwestern University’s Knight Labs tool: www.washingtonruralheritage.org • Worked with current sub-grantees to add 1,100 newly digitized items to the repository. • Virtual training (video tutorials, phone, email) support to 4 sub-grantees in the use of CONTENTdm for metadata creation. • One brand new digital collection (Colville National Forest Heritage Collection: http://www.washingtonruralheritage.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/r6cnf.) • Updated Washington Rural Heritage metadata standard to include several enhancements and greater compliance with Digital Public Library of America standard. • Metadata rectification for 5 existing collections to meet DPLA standards.
<p>Institutional Library Services</p> <p>Laura Sherbo</p>	<p>Institutional branch libraries exist within nine Department of Corrections adult prisons and Eastern and Western State Hospitals. These libraries are staffed on average 22 open hours per week per branch.</p> <p>National Poetry Month, held every April, is the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry’s vital place in our culture. POETRY IN PRISON was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996.</p> <p>Institutional Library Services joined in the celebration and sponsored four Open Mic poetry readings and 3 poetry and spoken word workshops. The total number of participants was 136 inmates and 23 students and faculty from The Evergreen State College.</p> <p>In addition, over 90 original poems were submitted by inmates to be bound into a book by the Sustainable Practices Lab at the Washington State Penitentiary.</p>
<p>Koha ILS Proof of Concept Project</p> <p>Gary Bortel</p>	<p>In addition to working with the Kalama Public Library on data capture and entry, assistance was given to the Carpenter Memorial Library and the Roslyn Public Library in extracting holdings and patron information from their existing ILSs. Both Carpenter and Roslyn will be joining Ellensburg Public Library in a shared Sirsi/Dynix installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 site visits over 3 days –Kalama, Cle Elum, Roslyn
<p>Libraries as Open Education Leaders</p> <p>Shirley Lewis</p>	<p>In the past quarter, February to April, the Library as Open Education Leader grant has continued to encourage librarians to work on their planning mini-grants, of which there are eighteen. In January twelve collaboration mini-grants grants were awarded so that librarians and discipline faculty members could begin to work on adopting open education for specific courses. In February two webinars on searching for open materials were held, and in early April a video tutorial series on searching for OER was published. Work continued on the OER/Copyright course, and the first cohort of students is expected to begin in mid-May.</p>

<p>Library Now: Mobile App for Washington Libraries</p> <p>Will Stuivenga Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>Stuivenga and Petersen reviewed all previous vendor invoices with the assistance of fiscal staff, and assisted in the confirmation and approval process for the final invoice.</p>
<p>Makey Makey kits</p> <p>Joe Olayvar</p>	<p>Research, order, configure, and test fourteen Chromebooks and Makey Makey boards for distributing to rural libraries statewide as well as create two safe and secure shipping containers that will house seven kits each.</p>
<p>Microsoft IT Academy</p> <p>Elizabeth laukea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference presentations at Building Bridges and WLA. • Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) testing for library staff at the WLA conference. • Attended the Microsoft IT Academy Customer Summit. • Site visits/Open House for faculty at Spokane Community College, Wenatchee Valley College, and Big Bend Community College. • Met with new person responsible for the Testing Center at Highline College to reestablish MOS testing at Highline. • Met with new director at Pend Oreille County and the HR Director at the local clinic to give an overview of IT. Academy resources. Connected and offered ideas for how they could leverage the IT Academy resources to train clinic staff. • Presentation to WorkSource Redmond staff (20 attendees). • Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) testing for WorkSource Redmond LinkedIn cohort – once a month (total of 3 days) at the Redmond Library.
<p>Off the Page: Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks for Washington Libraries</p> <p>Will Stuivenga</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/27/2015: Roy City Library went live on the Washington Anytime Library (OverDrive); they are library no. 43 in the WDLC (Washington Digital Library Consortium). • Provided quarterly Added Copies expenditure report to WDLC Executive Advisory Committee, and then to the entire membership. Decision made to lower holds ratio from 8:1 to 7:1, due to lower than anticipated expenditures. • Worked with OSOS Contracts staff to execute annual extension amendment to the Recorded Books contract. • Coordinated the Recorded Books annual subscription renewal with the vendor rep and participating libraries. • Won a drawing for a Samsung Galaxy Tab4 Nook (tablet computer) at a WLA meeting with OverDrive staff; held an in-house drawing from among the WDLC member libraries, which resulted in awarding the tablet computer to the Columbia County Rural Library District.

Professional development and outreach

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Joe Olayvar
Diane Hutchins
Evan Robb
Carolyn Petersen
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WTBBL staff

Meetings

- Fenton attended the WLA re-structuring meeting to represent LiFE.
- As part of the PNLA Leads Institute facilitation team, meeting to re-work the curriculum in preparation for mentoring and facilitating October Leads.
- laukea attended numerous meetings of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) subcommittees and task forces.
- Martin and Walsh represented WSL at the Thrive Washington luncheon.
- Robb participated in reading and scoring RFQs, and selecting a digitization vendor for WSL's newspaper digitization program.
- IMLS invited Hutchins to participate in the Focus convening in Kansas City, Missouri. She shared early learning initiatives in libraries in Washington State at in a panel discussion; the convening focused on learning in libraries, seeking recommendations on funding priorities for the agency. Watch the event: http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/imls/150514/globe_show/default_go_archive.cfm?gsid=2728&type=flv&test=0&live=0

Publications

- Lewis published WSL Updates weekly except December 25, 2014.
- Stuivenga solicited and edited WLA Member Profile of Jonathan Betz-Zall, published in the May, 2015 issue of Connect, WLA's electronic newsletter.
- Burling developed a manual to support class visits for Ask WA.
- Burling wrote or coordinated nine blog posts.
- Robb launched a n New Digital Collection: Colville National Forest: <http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2015/04/new-digital-collection-colville-national-forest-collection/>
- Great News for Washington Digital Newspapers! April 22, 2015. Schollmeyer, D. Shawn <http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2015/04/great-news-for-washington-digital-newspapers/>
- In Search of the Eatonville Dispatch. March 18, 2015. Schollmeyer, D. Shawn <http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2015/03/in-search-of-the-eatonville-dispatch/>

Trainings

- Fenton presented a preconference at WLA as part of the Leadership Boot Camp on Embracing Change in Tulalip. 21 attendees.
- Fenton continues to share Liberating Structures with libraries and trainers. Creating a cross-State Agency facilitators cohort.
- Robb began mentoring a new intern, Kurtis Bullchild, from the Nisqually Tribal Library. Kurtis is hoping to become the digital archive and digital preservation expert for the tribe.
- Fenton completed tenure as LiFE (Leadership is For Everyone) Co-Chair and is presenting a Leadership Essentials workshop in Lakewood for LiFE.

Professional development and outreach

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- Robb presented an overview of the Washington Rural Heritage project at the Pacific Northwest Digital Collections Summit, Oregon State Library, March 20, 2015. He also facilitated breakout discussions for meeting attendees.
- Hutchins and Petersen gave a webinar on the basics of Outcome Based Evaluation (“You’ve got the Legos® kit - Did it make a difference?”) to 9 participants. This is the first webinar in a series of two; draft proposals submitted by webinar attendees as an assignment in the first webinar will be discussed at the final session on May 21.
- Hutchins hosted First Tuesdays presentation, “Well Read and Well Fed” – 13 participants (webinar).
- Hutchins hosted First Tuesdays presentation, “Now Hear This: Lessons in music advisory” – 4 participants.

Services

- Olayvar is the Chair of WALE and oversees WALE IG functions, conference planning, while affirming its interest during the restructuring of WLA.
- Stuvenga is serving as a WLA WLFFTA (Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees, and Advocates) Interest Group Chair and Newsletter Editor, and am a member of two WLA committees: Marketing/Communications and Member Services.
- Olayvar provides technical and lead support for planning the WALE Conference
- Olayvar also supplies technical assistance to libraries across the state in person, via phone, and via email support for carious online webinars
- Fenton coordinated the launch of the WLA Mentoring program. Matched mentors/mentees. Coordinated WLA session on mentoring. Facilitated committee meeting to delegate various tasks including creating a database, matching people, monitoring matches and training new mentors.
- Petersen serves on the National board of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.
- Stuvenga is serving a 2-year appointment as the ALA ASCLA (Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies) board liaison to the ALA DCWG (Digital Content Working Group).
- Petersen is the chair of the WLA interest group Washington Libraries Friends, Foundations, Trustees and Advocates.
- Hutchins serves on the Steering Committee of the ELPLP (Early Learning Public Library Partnership), attending the quarterly update meeting.

Public Library Statistics

Evelyn Lindberg

Washington State Data Coordinator (Statistics and Surveys), tasked with the ongoing collection and review of the Annual Public Library Survey: FY 2014 Statistics and 2015 Salary data

- 62 total libraries.
- 52 surveys currently in.
- Consolidated and cleaned up data set to be submitted in June.

Social Media and Library 21 Initiative

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- Manage, main editor of the WSL blog- “Between the Lines”
- Post
- Worked with OSOS Social Media group.
- Continued to add images to Flickr- our page views per day has doubled
- Uploaded and mapped new pictures from the Colville WRH account to Pinterest Fire Tower board
- Daily updates to social media platforms.
 - Face Book posts average 75 per month (WSL & WTBBL)
 - Tweets average 85 per month
 - Blog post average 20 per month and include
 - ★ Library clippings
 - ★ WSL updates
 - ★ “Library Tracker” Updates to Library Blog during the Legislative session
- Many new followers on FB and Twitter.
- Video Level 3 winner of the Letters about Literature Contest

These statistics do not include WTBBL social media

Statewide Database Licensing (SDL)

Will Stuvenga

Accepted the needs assessment final report and recommendations from the consulting firm, and made that information available to the library community. Held an online meeting with the SDL Advisory Committee, and met with other groups (Washington Public Libraries Cooperate) and with staff at individual libraries to obtain feedback on the report and the project generally, and to develop recommendations on how SDL should proceed going forward.

Announced the annual SDL ProQuest subscription renewal widely via e-mail distribution lists, the blog, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Libraries have until the end of May to submit any cancellations, after which the invoicing totals will be calculated and sent to ProQuest.

Worked with OSOS Contracts staff to execute annual extension amendment for the ProQuest contract; this extension, covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, is the final extension available under the current contract, meaning that to continue, the project must conduct a formal procurement process over the coming year.

Helped promote in-state availability to WA libraries of the ProQuest trainer (who travels here from another state).

Meetings and Library Site Visits:

3/26/2015: Puget Sound Collection Development Group meeting, held at Everett Public Library.

4/13/2015: Library site visits: San Juan Island Library; Orcas Island Public Library; Lopez Island Library District.

4/14/2015: Library site visits: Anacortes Public Library; Upper Skagit Library; Sedro-Woolley City Library; Mount Vernon City Library.

<p>Statewide Database Licensing (SDL)</p> <p>(cont'd)</p>	<p>4/15/2015: Library site visits: Burlington Public Library (also met for lunch with the directors of the Seattle Public Library and Bellingham Public Library); La Conner Regional Library District (the director is also interim director for the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District).</p> <p>4/16-4/18/2015: Attended WLA Annual Conference: helped staff WSL booth, volunteered at the conference, met with vendors, engaged in networking with staff from many WA libraries, attended programs (CE), and the 4-hour Saturday a.m. reorganization planning meeting.</p> <p>5/8/2015: Toured the ProQuest Seattle office, and met with ProQuest senior vice-president Kristi Marchbanks—all customer-facing ProQuest staff (sales, marketing, and customer support, etc.) ultimately report to her; discussed the Needs Assessment results, the likely upcoming procurement, and related issues.</p> <p>5/11/2015: Online SDL Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the Needs Assessment results, and suggest recommendations for the project going forward.</p> <p>5/14/2015: Washington Public Libraries Cooperate! (WPLC) meeting held at the Sno-Isle Libraries Snohomish branch.</p>
<p>Supercharged Storytimes</p> <p>Diane Hutchins</p>	<p>Served as consultant to Supercharged Storytimes, collaborating with OCLC WebJunction staff and Project VIEWS2 researchers to develop and script online orientation, consisting of 4 weeks of webinars with an optional 5th week for attendees. I was also a presenter for the Week 1 and Week 4 webinars. Offered statewide, 89 library staff registered for the orientation and have been active participants in both the web-based forums that are supporting a Supercharged community of practice and in the live webinars. Due to scheduling conflicts, not all registrants were able to attend the live webinars but could view archived recordings of them. Numbers of participants attending live webinars, which were all held from 11:00 – 12:00 on Monday of each week in April, were as follows: Week 1: 59; Week 2: 54; Week 3: 56; Week 4: 53. An optional 5th webinar will be offered the first week of June.</p> <p>To promote Supercharged Storytimes, collaborated with OCLC/WebJunction staff and Project VIEWS2 researchers to draft two proposals for PLA 2016 – one for a pre-conference workshop and one for a 1-hour program. Also collaborated with OCLC/WebJunction staff and Project VIEWS2 researchers to draft a successful proposal to present “Building a Supercharged Community” at PNLA 2015 (accepted at the end of March.)</p>
<p>Teacher Librarian Common Core 3: Next Generation Science Standards</p> <p>Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>After several meetings of the Teacher Librarian advisory board a consensus emerged that training focused on Next Generation Science Standards would be the next project. The aim of the training is to enable teacher librarians to be viewed as valued resources to their buildings as these new standards are rolled out. The project intends to design the curriculum, recruit and train teacher librarians by the end of the summer of 2015. The first training sessions will be at the pre-conferences at WLMA.</p>

<p>Trainings: Webinars/In-person Workshops and WebJunction</p> <p>Jennifer Fenton</p>	<p>457 people attended 19 trainings. Training topics included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Literacy • Communication and Customer Service • Disability Language and Etiquette and Return to Relevance. • First Tuesdays webinars continued. <p>130 people attended WebJunction Webinars (January-March).</p> <p>26 people took SkillSoft courses via WebJunction WA.</p> <p>Transitioned the Continuing Education into Professional Development Grants.</p>
<p>Washington Digital Newspapers (WDN)</p> <p>Shawn Schollmeyer</p>	<p>Washington Digital Newspapers has selected a scanning vendor, Perfect Image, Inc. to create approximately 30,000 high quality scans of the Eatonville Dispatch. We delivered 18 boxes of print editions from Eatonville Public Library and 12 reels of film negatives from UW Libraries. Volunteers are counting & evaluating print pages to supplement gaps in film dates. The son and brother of the publishers from 1950-1973, Robert Larkin, will be visiting WSL this month to view our progress and assisting us with footwork in acquiring copyright permissions from all the publishing families between 1923-2004. Mr. Larkin will also be donating approximately \$10,000 to assist with scanning costs, allowing us to scan additional titles to reach beyond our 30,000 digital page goal this year.</p> <p>WDL has been awarded a two year grant by Veridian Software to process and host 10,000 pages of our original Historic Newspapers collection, applying Library of Congress standard metadata and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) data to create a full-text searchable collection from a subject indexed database. This pilot project will improve search to our most popular historic newspaper collections and include a title previously unavailable through WSL Digital Collections: the Centralia Daily Hub. Researchers will be able to log into the Historic Newspapers collection and assist with text correction to improve search results on their favorite topics. This will help us to evaluate web access options and meet our goal to merge siloed digital newspaper collections to a single search portal on the WSL website.</p> <p>As graduates of the National Digital Newspaper Program, sponsored by Library of Congress and National Endowment for the Humanities, we are participating in a national collaboration to update newspaper imaging and metadata standards in what we've been calling "Beyond NDNP." This project is an important step to ensure that digital newspapers will continue to meet sharing and preservation standards for future digital collections. The Beyond NDNP metadata subcommittee met May 10-12 to determine essential metadata standards and best preservation practices for "print & film-to-digital" and "born digital" newspaper collections.</p> <p>The 40th anniversary of the arrival of Vietnamese refugees in Washington State has spurred interest in digitizing Dat Moi, the first Vietnamese-English newspaper in the U.S. The Dat Moi was published by Vinh Vu in Seattle between 1975-1985. His son Thomas will be visiting WSL in May to discuss the 240 issue collection and the digitizing process. We hope to include this collection in our digital projects at the end of this year or in a 2016 grant project.</p>

<p>WaRP (the Washington ReadyWeb Project) Evelyn Lindberg</p>	<p>Lindberg uses the Drupal CMS. She trained in May at the Kalama Public Library. She is currently updating the User Guide to include discussion of new website features, e.g. Slideshow.</p>
<p>Washington Rural Heritage Evan Robb</p>	<p>Project management and outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went live with 2015-2016 Washington Rural Heritage grant cycle. • Helped organize, attended, and facilitated discussions at the Pacific Northwest Digital Collections Summit on 3/20, hosted by the Oregon State Library. Meeting info: http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/NWDigSummit.aspx <p>Site visits & training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/11-13. Training, large-format digitization, and sub-grantee monitoring at Medical Lake Library, Spokane County Library District. • 5/13. Training and sub-grantee monitoring at Whitman County Library, Colfax, WA. • 5/14. Training and sub-grantee monitoring at Columbia County Rural Library District, Dayton, WA.
<p>Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) Danielle Miller</p>	<p>WTBBL builds community and provides equal access to information and reading materials for Washington residents unable to read standard print. The inability to read standard print may be because of blindness, visual impairment, deaf-blindness, any physical disability that makes holding a book or turning a page difficult, or a learning disability. Our responsibility is to provide books in audio, downloadable audio, braille, and downloadable braille as directed by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.</p> <p>WTBBL serves people in all 39 counties and between the ages of 8 months to 111 years old. For many with disabilities, WTBBL isn't just a library; it is a connection to the world and a source of materials that combat loneliness and help tolerate of health concerns. We develop programming to deliver the best service possible to Washington residents unable to read standard print. This month's highlight was our Ten-Squared Tea, an annual recognition of patrons who are at least 100 years old. We had about 40 attendees: 5 centenarians, three of whom were new inductees. We currently have 77 centenarians in Washington.</p> <p>Other interesting facts and figures for this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We gave presentations to approximately 683 people. • Our physical circulation was 61,952 items. • We had 18,478 audio and braille downloads. • 347 new people established service.

**Youth
Services/Teacher
Librarians**

Carolyn Petersen
Diane Hutchins

Several projects emerged out of the Youth Services summit held in February for the youth leadership of the public libraries.

- Training in Outcomes Based Evaluation was the highest priority: Hutchins and Petersen will collaborate on two webinars on this subject. This first was May 7th with a follow-up on May 21st. If there is sufficient demand the webinars will be repeated in late May and June.
- Securing outside funding through grants was the second request. Planning for this workshop is underway.
- A third need was training on how to engage families. Interestingly enough, this training also was a high priority for teacher librarians. A request for proposals in this area will be developed this summer to address this need.

Another outcome of this leadership conference was the development of programming kits. A Lego programming kit is currently making its way around the state. Libraries have signed up to use the kit and it won't return to the State Library until December 1st. To see the results of these programs view the photos at <http://on.fb.me/1P2zq2M> and <http://on.fb.me/1EKUrMm>.

- Two new STEM kits are under development. The first is a 35 piece Lego challenge. http://www.seankenney.com/books/35_pieces/. Each child will be challenged to see what they can create with 35 distinct Lego pieces. This specialized Lego kit will launch May 1st.
- Makey Makey kits are aimed helping tweens and teens explore circuits. <http://makeymakey.com>. Close to 20 libraries have signed up to take advantage this kit. This kit is more complex to assemble. It will launch on June 1st.