WAAL 2016 Conference Scholarships
Meghan Dowell – Professional Development Committee

The Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) 2016 Professional Development Committee is accepting applications for scholarships to the **WAAL 2016 Annual Conference – Dive Deep!** The conference will take place at the Heidel House Resort & Spa in Green Lake, Wisconsin, April 19 - 22. Scholarships are awarded in the following categories:

- **Library paraprofessionals**: attending the WAAL conference is an easy way to expand your professional network and learn new ideas to bring back to your home institution. Scholarships are available to current WLA members or individuals who will join WLA before the start of the WAAL 2016 conference.

- **Library school graduate students**: attending the WAAL conference can expose you to unfamiliar areas of librarianship and help you start building that all-important professional network. It also looks great on a resume! Scholarships available to current WLA members or individuals who will join WLA before the start of the WAAL 2016 conference.

- **Undergraduate students**: if you are an undergrad considering a career in library science, attending the WAAL conference will provide you with a deeper understanding of the profession and connect you with the two MLIS granting programs in Wisconsin. Undergraduates do **not** need to be a current WLA member to be awarded the scholarship.

Scholarships cover the registration fee for the conference and up to $250 of documented expenses.

See the WLA website for [application materials](#) and more details.

The completed application packet must be submitted electronically by **Friday, March 4, 2016** to:

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Recipients will be selected by members of the WAAL Professional Development Committee and will be notified before March 28, 2016.
Remembering Our Beginnings

As we celebrate 125 years of WLA, we thought it was a good time to remember a seminal moment in WAAL history as well:

The year 1954 also marked the birth of the College and University Section of WLA. There had always been a few college librarians who belonged to and attended the Association meetings. Delia Ortiz, Milwaukee State Normal, George Allez, Stevens Point State College, and Clarence S. Paine, Beloit College, had served with distinction as president and had tried seriously to draw college librarians into Association ranks. For a time the Reference Section was actually called the College and Reference Section, but at best the number of members from colleges and universities never rose above thirty-five, and not even a beginning was made on the college library program called for by the Tentative Planning Program of 1937. Responding to interest expressed by some of the college members, Mr. Gratke appointed a steering committee for a meeting of college and university librarians in connection with the 1954 conference. This meeting voted to form a section organization and instructed its leaders, Vail Deale of Beloit College and Paul Dietz of Concordia College, to take the necessary steps for formal organization in 1955, which was done.


Save The Date!

Our friends at the Great Lakes Science Boot Camp sent this along:

Please save the date (July 13-15, 2016) for the Great Lakes Science Boot Camp for Librarians and Library Students! This immersive 2 ½ day conference offers librarians an opportunity to learn about current research advancements in science. The Great Lakes Science Boot Camp will strive to cultivate an ongoing learning community of academic and medical librarians dedicated to providing research support to faculty and graduate students.

July 13-15, 2016
Notre Dame University
Notre Dame, IN 46556


Registration opening in spring 2016

Please contact Thurston Miller (miller.115@nd.edu) if you have any questions.