



# College Librarians and Media Specialists of Washington State

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## New CLAMS Board Members

At the CLAMS Spring 2015 Conference, new Executive Board members were elected. Congratulations (and good luck)!

President:	<a href="#">Quill West</a>
President Elect:	<a href="#">Heath Davis</a>
Past President:	<a href="#">Teresa Jones</a>
Treasurer:	<a href="#">Leslie Potter-Henderson</a>
Secretary:	<a href="#">Traci Taylor</a>
Communications Officer:	<a href="#">Amy Herman</a>
Web Developer:	<a href="#">Rowena McKernan</a>

## CLAMS Updates

- Save the date! The **CLAMS Spring 2016 Conference** will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue College. More details will become available later this winter!
- **CLAMS dues** will increase to \$100/library this year. Dues cover all part-time and full-time librarians at each member library. The increase in dues will allow us to offer additional financial support for members to attend CLAMS conferences and events.
- **New website!** CLAMS will be launching a new website after the near year. Please bear with us as we get it up and running

smoothly. The new website will be located at: <http://www.clamswa.org>.

## Library Roundup



### Big changes at Grays Harbor College!

It all started when **Stan Horton** announced his retirement....

In the spring we hired an eLearning Coordinator (a brand-new position) named **James Umphres**. He started shortly before the end of the academic year in June. James came to us from Texas and has wasted no time getting up to speed on Canvas. He has already provided training for faculty and students and outreach across campus. James earned his master's in Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio and has five years of experience in eLearning.

Along with Stan's impending departure, two of our part-time librarians moved on, leaving some major gaps in our reference services.

A hiring frenzy began.

We first hired a new Associate Dean for Library, eLearning, and Media Services (New Stan). We are pleased to welcome **Ahniwa Ferrari** to GHC! Many



**This Fall the NSC Library has launched two new exciting initiatives!**

The **Library in the Grove** is an outreach effort that we hope will increase the library's visibility on campus and bring more awareness to library services and collections. The library has set up a weekly presence at the Grove – a busy hub on campus where students and staff gather (and just so happens to be where the campus coffee shop is located!). Each week library staff round up a fun array of library materials and roll them over to the Grove where they set up a display table – this includes an assortment of library books, dvds, and magazines, an eye-catching Library in the Grove banner, and laptop. Students and staff are encouraged to browse and check out materials right on the spot! We've already noticed that stepping outside of the library has increased our number of serendipitous interactions with our campus community - from faculty spotting their librarian and coming over to chat about an idea to students approaching and saying "Oh, I'm glad you're here! I've been meaning to come into the library, but have had no time. Do you have books on systems thinking?".

Our **Faculty Salon Series** highlights faculty projects, publications, and experiments. Once a month we invite the campus community to hear from a featured faculty member about their work and engage in conversation in a casual environment. This quarter we are featuring faculty from the Philosophy, English, and Astronomy programs. Our first salon was a success and we look forward to learning more from our amazing faculty!

--Submitted by Ana Villar

of you will recognize him from around the state, including time at the State Library (Ask-WA!), Saint Martin's University, and WebJunction. Ahniwa received his Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies from McGill University in Montreal. He has been working in the field for 13 years and has extensive experience in all levels of library work including virtual reference, electronic services, program management, and community-building. He is quickly learning about our campus community and the ins-and-outs of a small community college. Ahniwa spends his spare time designing web sites, playing games of all kinds, and planning his next great novel.

To fill out our reference hours we hired 2 part-time librarians, **Lauren Welch** and **Deborah Bancroft**.

Lauren splits her time between our reference desk and working at the University of Washington Press. She received her MLIS from the University of Washington in June of 2015. Lauren is staffing our Question Point co-op hours and taking the reins on the library's blog. When not zipping up and down the I5 corridor, Lauren spends her time biking and hiking when the weather is permitting, and reading when the weather is not!

We are very slowly stealing Deborah from the Timberland Regional Library in Chehalis. She has also spent some time at the Centralia College library. She received her MLIS in 2007 from the Information School at the University of Washington. Deborah is lucky enough to work on Saturdays, with all the fun surprises weekend hours bring to the library. She enjoys gardening, family, birdwatching, learning new things, and, of course, reading.

--Submitted by Adrienne Roush

## NW eLearning Conference Resources for Librarians

It's important for librarians to attend conferences from time to time that aren't library-focused. Toward that end, I recently attended the NW eLearning conference (Oct. 22-23, 2015 in Olympia), and I found it a very rewarding experience. Besides amazing keynotes by Jesse Stommel (from UW Madison) and Audrey Watters (Writer/Owner *Hack Education*), there were many sessions on topics of interest to librarians. And there were several librarians in attendance besides me, both giving excellent presentations and just being attendees.

Several of the sessions I attended focused on Open Educational Resources (OER) and streaming video resources. I made notes on various websites and other materials mentioned in these sessions, and although I haven't had time to explore them all myself, I wanted to pass them along as possible resources for the work that we do.

### OER

[BC Campus](#) – an open education group out of Canada.

[Tiki Toki](#) -- a software that allows one to build a visual timeline online including videos, pictures, text.

[Writing Spaces](#) – website with peer-reviewed essays on writing which can be a good substitute for traditional textbook. Good for English faculty. Presenter said they are CC licensed so you can remix them.

[OER Research Hub blog](#) – blog on OER research from UK organization.

### Video/Film

[Powtoon](#) – free online software that allows you to create animated videos and presentations.

[GoAnimate](#) – another online software that allows you to create animated videos. I haven't explored whether there's a free version or not.

[CanStream.It?](#) – according to them, it's "The fastest and most awesome way to find streaming movies or TV shows to rent or buy, across most major services" such as Netflix, Hulu, Google Play, iTunes, etc.

[Kanopy](#) – "on demand streaming video for educational institutions" and they have a patron driven acquisition option.

[Swank](#) – database providing access to feature movies.

[Media Education Foundation \(MEF\)](#) – "Educational Videos About Media, Culture, and Society For The Classroom."

Disclaimer: I'm not recommending or promoting these; just mentioning because they seemed worth looking into further.

--Submitted by Deb Moore

## Member Accolades

**Sara Scribner**, Certified Genealogist and Adjunct Library Faculty at Olympic College, has published a peer-reviewed journal article in the September 2015 issue of *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. In "No Name, No Number: George Holmes's Orphans of Washington and Jefferson Counties, Georgia," Sara traces unnamed orphan siblings, who won 250 acres in land lotteries in Georgia in the early 1800s.

**Zoe Fisher**, Assistant Professor & Librarian at Pierce College, has published an editorial for the November 2015 issue of *Choice* magazine and *Choice Reviews Online*. The editorial, "Hey, That's My Librarian!: Perspectives on Student Engagement from a Community College Librarian," helps kick off *Choice's* new targeted content for community college libraries.

**Amy Herman**, Library Faculty at Olympic College, was the guest columnist in the Summer 2015 issue of the *Ricardian Report* (newsletter of the Richard III Society Northwest Chapter), describing her experiences attending the King Richard III reburial events in Leicester, England in March 2015.