

Erin Krake won the WLA Scholarship in 2005. Today, she is a Librarian at the Roslyn Public Library. Here's what she had to say:

- **What has surprised/delighted you most about becoming a librarian?**

The thing I've found most surprising and delightful about the library profession is how much it serves the part of me that wants to serve others. I've felt a sense of social responsibility since I was in college, but I would never have thought that becoming a librarian would address that need until I got this job being a small town librarian. Then I understood quickly how much a librarian helps the community and on so many different levels. It helps to keep me challenged and interested. It is just so much fun and so fulfilling at the same time.

- **How did the scholarship help you?**

The scholarship helped with the financial difficulty of going back to school on a very limited income. And, it helped me to get outside of my comfort zone to become more involved in the Association and in the profession in general. It gave me the confidence to share my perspective and my ideas with my peers.

- **What can you say to encourage folks to support the scholarship?**

I think the WLA scholarship is one of the best things the Association does. It serves such a core purpose because it promotes the profession of librarianship by supporting students of the profession.