

2015 WLA Elections Candidate Statements



Vice President/President Elect Brianna Hoffman

I would describe myself as someone who is a little loud, a lot curious, and an information and pop culture nerd. I have ten years of varied library experience including being a circulation assistant and a page. I earned my MLS in 2013 and I currently split my time between the Richland Public Library and Mid-Columbia Libraries doing reference services as a Library Assistant II and Customer Service Specialist.

My participation in WLA has played a huge part in my professional development. It has made me a better librarian who is better equipped to serve the changing needs of my communities. I have found great value in my WLA membership because of the networking, continuing education, and involvement opportunities it has provided me. A summary of my experience in WLA is as follows:

- WALE Presenter – 2010, 2011, 2013
- 2011 WALE Conference Co-Chair of Volunteer Coordination and Spotlight on Success
- 2012 WALE Conference Co-Chair
- 2013-2015 Board Director
- 2014, 2015 WLA Conference “Fund the Future 5K Fun Run/Walk” Scholarship Fundraiser Founder/Coordinator

As your VP/President Elect, I will work to make WLA membership essential and inclusive for everyone in the Washington library community. In order to build strong libraries, we must continue to strengthen our association. Providing library employees of all kinds, in all types of libraries, the opportunity to access practical continuing education resources, collaboration opportunities, resource sharing, and mentorship will ensure libraries provide the best possible service to their varied communities. Libraries may be changing, but I believe they are still the beating heart of their communities. It would be my honor to serve as your VP/President Elect and work to ensure the hearts of all Washington libraries continue to beat loud and proud.



Secretary/Treasurer Irene Wickstrom

Irene Wickstrom has lived in the Snoqualmie Valley for the last 8 years. She works as a Librarian Services Manager and leads her staff in providing unique and interesting programs to meet the needs of her community. Irene enjoys traveling and loves learning about other cultures. In her spare time she studies languages and hopes to teach English abroad someday. She looks to make a difference in the lives of those she meets and in the communities where she lives.

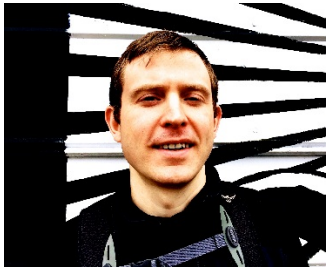
Irene has managed libraries since 1998 and worked for the San Bernardino County Library and Riverside County Library Systems in California. In 2007, she came to KCLS as a Managing Librarian and is currently working in the newly realigned Fall City-Issaquah-North Bend-Sammamish-Snoqualmie cluster.

Prior to her library career, Irene managed several businesses. Among her many duties as a small business owner, she kept financial records and completed annual returns. Irene holds an MLIS from San Jose State University and a MPA from Walden University.

Last year, Irene served as a WLA conference presenter; she is a member of WLA and the WALT Interest Group. Prior to her involvement with WLA, she belonged to CLA and participated on the Conference Program Planning Committee. She presented at CLA and belonged to the Native American Roundtable.

Irene served as Secretary/Treasurer for several nonprofit organizations – Soroptimist International of Lake Arrowhead and the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network. She is interested in getting involved in WLA at a higher level and contributing to WLA as Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors



Richard Council

My name is Richard Council and it is an honor to be nominated for the WLA Board. Know that I am running because I want to make significant contributions in your member experience and to help members make Washington State libraries truly valuable. As values change, library priorities change in turn. This puts pressure on library personnel to draw more deeply on their talents as well as to develop new skills and attitudes that make libraries meaningful on an ongoing basis.

My experience with these pressures goes back 10 years. For five I was at the University of Idaho Library in Circulation and Interlibrary Loan. For the last five I have worked at the Seattle Public Library as a Teen Librarian and a Library Assistant active in RA, REF, and programming. The struggle to develop new skills in various roles and in evolving library environments is what led me to the WLA.

As Chair of the Marketing and Communication Committee since 2013, and as an iSchool Rep before that, I created projects and led teams that both benefited the organization and gave members leadership momentum for making great contributions back in their libraries. Helping members develop the WLA's social media structure/strategy for mission-specific purposes has been one of my highest priorities.

How the WLA can help members gain the leadership experience and leadership evidence needed to navigate the pressures of changing library priorities? I am seeking a position on the WLA Board so I can help answer that ongoing question.



Josephine Camarillo

My name is Josephine Camarillo and I am the Youth Services Librarian at the Ellensburg Public Library and have been in my position for nearly 15 years. I received my Master's in Library and Studies at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada. I am a member of the Washington Library Association (WLA) and Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) and a recent graduate of PNLA Leadership Institute (2013). I have also been the WA state representative for the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium since 2012. I have served on two Washington State Library (WSL) committees: Early Learning Advisory Committee and Supporting Student Success Advisory Committee. In addition, I was the Kittitas County Regional Delegate for Gov. Gregoire's Early Learning Summit, November 2006. I bring a wealth of Early Learning knowledge and experience as I work with young children and their parents daily and a member of the Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition board of directors.

The Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition is the current recipient of the Discoveries from the Field STEM grant from Thrive Washington cohort 1. Working in a small, rural, municipal library, I understand the challenges and barriers small libraries experience every day with minimal staffing and funding to keep up with community needs and expectations. I will be an advocate for small libraries and I hope to bring their voice to the table.



Kendra Trachta

Hello, I'm Kendra Trachta, Deputy Director of Sno-Isle Libraries, a two-county library system serving Snohomish and Island Counties. I've been a librarian for 25 years and consider myself to be one of those lucky people who found her passion in her first career. I believe that a free society requires access to ideas and information for all, and I am proud to be part of the library community that achieves this. I am running for Board Director of the Washington Library Association because I want to support WLA's ongoing work in strengthening our state's library community. I would be honored by the opportunity to serve the WLA membership, and, if elected, commit to being an active participant in strategic planning, policy review, and other key responsibilities of a Board Director.

Director (WLMA)



Leah Griffin

I am a fourth year teacher librarian at University Prep in Seattle, WA. I've served on the Executive Committee of WLMA for the last two years, participated in the planning of multiple WLMA and NWAIS Librarian conferences, and contributed to the Voice Of Youth Advocates Top Shelf Committee. I'm also a former iSchool student liaison to CAYAS. I'm thrilled to serve with and learn from my colleagues in WLA and WLMA, and hope to use my background in both organizations to facilitate opportunities for collaboration and conversation now that WLA and WLMA have come together to form a library super group. When not librarianing, I like to cruise my wicked third gen Camaro, attend independent rock shows, and fish.



Anne Bingham

I would love to be given the opportunity to serve on the WLA Board. I have 20 years of experience in academic and school libraries. It's been great to collaborate, present, and passionately brainstorm with colleagues from all libraries in Washington. I look forward to creating more connections and conversations to strengthen the role of all libraries in our communities. I have previously been WLMA President and HS level chair, and have worked as an IG chair and IG coordinator for WLA. With the recent joining of forces of my two favorite library organizations, I would bring my experience and understanding to help promote our Washington library world, and help create learning and sharing opportunities for all library staff.

ALA Councilor



Christine Peck

It has been both my honor and my pleasure to serve WLA as the ALA Chapter Councilor for the past two and half years.

I have been a continuous member of both organizations for thirty-nine years. I understand the value WLA and ALA bring to individual members and to libraries of all types.

If re-elected, I will continue to dedicate my time to making connections between the services and programs ALA offers to WLA members; to advocating for policies and governing guidelines that ensure a stronger and more responsive ALA to Chapter needs; and to strengthening all of our membership and promotional activities including ALA's involvement

at our annual conference.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of assistance to you and to the Washington Library Association community.

PNLA Representative



Heidi Chittim

As a member of the Washington Library Association (WLA) and the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) I am running for the office of PNLA representative. My experiences include working for Sno-Isle Libraries as the Technical Liaison and currently working for Eastern Washington University Libraries Media Circulation Desk. Both WLA and PNLA have given me the opportunity to use the skills I already had and to gain new skills. I served on the WLA board as the Interest Group (IG) Coordinator, membership committee, finance committee, served on various WLA conference committees, and chaired the WALE interest group for several years which included successfully chairing 3 WALE conferences. I was the PNLA vice-president for 2 years, President for 1 year, Past President for 1 year, and have chaired 2 PNLA conferences, and am the current chair for the 2015 PNLA conference. In 2010 I was the volunteer coordinator for the combined PNLA/WLA conference, and earned the WALE employee of the year award. Besides my

professional and volunteer work with PNLA and WLA, I have had numerous experiences volunteering in the community, schools, and my libraries. My experiences serving on both the WLA and PNLA board gives me excellent knowledge on both organizations and would make me an excellent choice for PNLA representative. I have a lot to offer and would love to be your next PNLA representative and appreciate your vote.



Kip Roberson

I am excited for the opportunity to represent WLA to the larger library community represented by the Pacific Northwest Library Association. While I may be new to Washington and WLA (I moved to WA from New England at the end of last summer), I am no stranger to involvement in state, regional and national library associations. I have held a similar post in the past, serving as the Vermont representative to the New England Library Association for nearly 6 years. I believe it is the responsibility of the PNLA Representative to serve as the bridge between the libraries in Washington and those in our neighboring states and province, while keeping WLA members informed of what PNLA is doing. Our

profession's focus on continual improvement and service is what connects us all, no matter the size or type of library in which we work. I look forward to working with our colleagues from around the Pacific Northwest – communicating news and information, sharing ideas, and helping to build an even stronger more vibrant WLA.