

April 24, 2024



WLA 2024 Spring Fundraiser Online Silent Auction | May 8-31

We are excited to announce that we will be re-launching the <u>WLA Silent Auction</u>, our 2024 Spring Fundraiser event. The online event, happening from May 8-31, offers everyone the chance to participate in bidding on specially curated items.

This initiative aims to raise funds for WLA, and we're thrilled to reintroduce this eagerly awaited event for this year!

Visit our <u>auction site</u> to view our items! We will continue adding items as they are donated, so make sure to check back often.

Questions? Contact info@wla.org.



WLA Scholarships Open May 1!

The application for 2024-2025 WLA Scholarships will open Wednesday, May 1 at <u>wla.org/wla-scholarships</u>. A preview of the application form is also available on the <u>scholarships page</u>.

WLA scholarships are professional development and/or memorial scholarships, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person's service to libraries.

This year's scholarships include:

Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship: \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.

<u>Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship</u>: \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.

John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship: \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.

<u>Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship</u>: \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2024 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

<u>Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship</u>: \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2025 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

To learn more about the scholarship requirements, preview the form, and more, visit the <u>WLA Scholarships page</u>.

Questions? Email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138



WLA Member Survey

In anticipation of the 2025 legislative session, we are looking to create a survey aimed at soliciting insights from potential candidates running for the positions of Governor, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Instruction (and potentially others). This survey will be designed to address library advocacy topics of importance to WLA members.

Our goal is to take the feedback from this WLA member advocacy form to create the survey for potential candidates. We will then invite candidates to a statewide town hall forum sometime this summer where attendees can hear their questions being answered.

The survey will take approx. 10-15 minutes to complete.

Please help us in completing this survey by Wednesday, May 1, 2024.



*Please note: if the survey is not letting you move forward to the next section, you may have to change browsers and/or refresh the page. We recommend you save answers in another document in case this happens.

We are grateful for your valuable input. Your time and effort in completing this survey are sincerely appreciated.



Read the Latest Edition of *Alki* Now!

This issue of *Alki* focuses on the wild potential of thinking of libraries as a "growing organism." From adapting libraries in changing ecosystems to cultivating connections with patrons and allies to developing personally as librarians and people, this issue covers the varied ways libraries and the people who comprise them grow and thrive.

Inside <u>this issue</u>, you will find articles on what it means to leave one's home for the profession, how one library celebrated and supported first-generation students, what one regional academic library did to adapt to the COVID-19 and post-pandemic landscapes, and how to journal for reader's advisory. You'll also find recommendations for heartwarming translations and playful picks for National Poetry Month, as well as reflections on the growth libraries have sparked and the kind of growth they still need.



Call for Papers: We All Belong

Alki's Summer issue submission window is open!

Alki Summer issues are dedicated to the WLA community goings-on. The Spring conference is the biggest WLA event of the year but it's not the only event of the year. Here is your chance to showcase your involvement in the Washington library community.

Some topic examples:

- WLA 2024 theme, "We All Belong": What does it mean to belong within a library? What does it look like? How can libraries best support a culture of belonging? Where do they fail in this mission? What are the major obstacles or threats? What is your library currently doing to better foster a sense of belonging?
- WLA 2024 presentations and talks
- WLA 2024 happenings: events, ideas, discussions, connections, etc.
- WLA 2024 Photos: we are looking for our next cover image and more for this issue!
- Division, section, or committee activities
- Statements from scholarship, award, and grant winners past and present

- Unofficial member gatherings or events
- Whatever you have to say about WLA!

Creative pieces, art, and photos are <u>always</u> encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today or work through a potential article conceptby emailing your name and a working title of your proposed piece to alkieditor@wla.org.

Do you have an article ready? View our submission guidelines <u>here</u> and email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to <u>alkieditor@wla.org</u> by **Tuesday, June 11th**.

WLA Mentoring Program Interest Form

WLA will launch its 2024-2025 mentoring program this fall! Please fill out <u>this form</u> to receive updates on the program later this year. Let us know your interest by **June 30**!

The goal of the WLA Mentoring program is to create a valuable experience for members, build professional relationships, and strengthen the profession within Washington. We invite Librarians, Paraprofessionals, Program Managers, Supervisors, Consultants, Retired, other library staff to participate! **You must be a WLA member to participate.**

Benefits of Participating:

- Mentees: Develop your skills, learn from the best, and build professional relationships.
- Mentors: Develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession.

Learn more at <u>wla.org/mentoring</u>. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.

WLA Mentoring Program Interest Form

Voting Open for the 2024 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book (WCCPBA) Award



Votes are due on **May 24, 2024!** Thank you for your vote! How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- Use the nominee list: <u>WCCPBA Press Release</u> and <u>WCCPBA Summaries</u>
- Tell students about the award.
- Record votes.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR VOTES ONLINE BY <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR VOTES ONLINE BY <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.

Votes must include all titles in alphabetical order (even if no student voted for a title) and the name of their school and the city or town of their school or library.

If you have any questions about voting or are unable to use the Google Form, please contact Jolyn Danielson.



Each spring, students in grade 2 through 6 in Washington State are invited to vote for their favorite Towner nominee if they have read or listened to a minimum of two titles. Student votes can be submitted by librarians only. Educators, make sure to vote for the Educators' Choice! This is your chance to share with others which book you found most useful with your students.

Votes for the 2024 award are due on May 24, 2024! Thank you for your vote!

How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- Use the 2024 nominee list
- Tell students about the award
- Record votes online by clicking <u>here</u>

If you have any questions about voting or are unable to use Google Docs, please contact <u>Lisa Steudel</u> or <u>Mary-Catherine McElroy</u>.



How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- Use the 2024 nominee list
- Tell students about the award
- Record votes in the <u>Otter Award Voting form.</u>

The OTTER Award is for ALL students in grades K-5. We recognize that elementary children transition into chapter books at different ages and, as such, do not limit our voting to a specific age or grade level.

Voting opens Friday, April 26th and closes Friday, May 24th.

The 2024 OTTER winner will be announced Monday, June 3rd!



Students choose their favorite book from a list of 12 nominees, selected by a committee comprised of Washington State school and public librarians. Students should read at least 2 of the books in order to vote. Each year the Sasquatch Award is presented to the author of the book that receives the most student votes.

You may view the 2024 nominees <u>here</u>, then vote online <u>here</u>.

2025 Sasquatch nominees have also been announced! You may view the books <u>here</u>.



Next WALT Meeting

Have a training dilemma or question? Looking for support from fellow trainers? Able to share your training expertise? Consider joining the upcoming round table check-in for <u>WA Library Trainers (WALT</u>), a section of WLA.

This online round table will take place on **April 30**, **2:00-3:00 PM**. The Zoom link will be sent to the WALT members e-list the day-of, or log into your WLA account on the <u>WLA Meetings and Events Calendar</u>.

Not a member of WALT but interested in joining? WLA interest-based Sections are free to join by submitting <u>this form</u>.



Next SRRT Meeting

Please join the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) as your authentic self! Lets listen in on Libvoice's podcast-interview with Librarian Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, "The Authentic Self at Work" then get together to discuss. Consider the following:

- What got you into libraries?
- What do you currently do in your role?
- Are you experiencing "love or book Who's Hiring
- What kind of boundaries do you h
- What kind of boundaries do you want?

Bethel School District is seeking two <u>Teacher Librarians</u>. ...and any other thoughts you'd like to share with the group! A big thanks to

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<u>Materials Librarian, Full-Time Lecturer.</u> Based on community feedback, SRRT will be meeting on the **last Tuesday of**

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To access the Zoom link, log into your WLA account on the WLA Meetings & Eastern Mashington University is seeking an Interlibrary Loan/Document

Delivery Specialist.

Not a member of SRRT but interested in joining? WLA interest-based Sections are fare to Handor Sublegetiiss deking an Library and Archives Paraprofessional.

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a <u>Branch Manager V (Kennewick)</u>.

Molalla (OR) Public Library is seeking a Programming & Outreach Librarian for Adults & Teens.

NCW Libraries is seeking a <u>Branch Librarian</u> and an <u>Area Manager</u>.

Olympic College is seeking an Assistant Circulation Supervisor and a Library Adjunct Faculty.

Oregon Tech is seeking a University Librarian.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a Community Engagement Specialist, a Library Circulation Supervisor, and a Public Services Assistant I.

Spokane Community College is seeking a <u>Reference Librarian</u>.

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a Librarian II, Maker & Innovation Supervisor.

Washington State Library is seeking a <u>Branch Librarian (Prison Libraries)</u>.

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email <u>newsletter@wla.org</u> and indicate "Look Who's <i>Hiring" in the subject line.

News & Notes



WSBA Winner Tae Keller: Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

This Washington Center for the Book event will feature an online conversation between Tae Keller and librarian Erika Miller of The Seattle Public Library with a live Q&A for attendees. Tae Keller, winner of the 2023 Washington State Book Award for Books for Young Readers, offers a gripping and emotional story about friendship, bullying, and the possibility that there's more in the universe than just us. Tae Keller is the Newbery award winning and New York Times bestselling author of "When You Trap a Tiger" and "The Science of Breakable Things." She grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books.

This event is presented by the Washington Center for the Book (an affiliate of The Library of Congress Center for the Book, administered by Washington State Library) and The Seattle Public Library. The event is free and will be presented online and on Zoom on **April 26, 12:30 pm**. <u>Registration is required</u> to attend the event. The event will be recorded and will be accessible via Washington State Library's YouTube channel.



WSBA Winner Sasha taq^wšəblu LaPointe: Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk

Join Washington State Book Award for a reading of 2023 Washington State Book Award Winner Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe's book: "Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk" with a presentation and Q&A to follow.

The event will take place <u>in person at Spokane Community College (Lair</u> <u>Auditorium, Building 6) and online.</u> Monday, April 29, 9:30 a.m.

Register for the online event here.

SDL 2024-2025 Renewal Announcement

The Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) project of the Washington State Library announces the annual renewal of the SDL package of Gale digital database resources for the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 subscription period. All WA non-profit public, academic, school, special, and government libraries are eligible to participate in this statewide cooperative purchase.

Pricing for the 2023-2024 renewal remains unchanged from the previous year. Renewal is automatic for academic, public, and special libraries, unless a <u>cancellation form</u> is received by the end of the renewal period (April 30, 2024). K-12 school districts, individual schools (public or private) and their libraries, renew through their respective <u>Educational Service Districts</u>.

The SDL project is subsidized in part by federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funding provided by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Library Development Program of the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. Any questions or comments may be directed to the Cooperative Projects Librarian, Jude Guzzy.

New participants are always welcome. The official renewal period runs through April 30, although new subscriptions will be accepted at any time. More information, including signup forms and other documents and links are available on the <u>SDL project's signup and renewal page</u>.

Humanities Washington 2024-2025 Public Humanities Fellowship Open

The application for the <u>2024-2025 Public Humanities Fellowship has opened</u>. This is a good fit for grad students as well as professors, culture-bearers, curators, non-profit professionals, and other folks with expertise in the humanities and in the early years of their careers.

Applicants propose a public-facing project, which they will plan and execute, if selected. **Full details are attached**, but the opportunity includes:

- A stipend of \$5000
- Up to \$3500 of funding for their project
- Publicity for their projects, guidance from experienced public humanities practitioners, and participation in a learning cohort focused on concrete skills in the public humanities.

Projects must serve a public audience in Washington, be free to access or attend, and be firmly rooted in the humanities. Applicants from communities historically underserved by the humanities are encouraged to apply.

The deadline to apply is **June 4, 2024**.

More details are available on the Humanities Washington <u>website</u>, including an FAQ. Humanities Washington will also be holding an information session on April 25 at 1:30 pm (<u>register here</u>). For questions, reach out to Director of Programs at <u>stone@humanities.org</u>.

BEAD's Internet for All Webinar is April 24

Join the discussion and share comments on plans at this webinar.

The Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO), in partnership with the National Telecommunications Information Administration, hosts a monthly one-hour webinar series about the Internet for All program. They will provide updates on the state's current planning process to access federal resources to bring highspeed broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities.

These meetings will give you and your community space to:

- Get updates on the state's plan to bring accessible and affordable internet access to all in Washington
- Ask questions and engage with us to share the challenges your community is facing

April Internet for All in Washington webinar: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 <u>Register</u> (Zoom)

Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth Now Accepting Applications

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Hanover, New Hampshire August 4-10, 2024

The Tribal Leadership Academy (TLA) at Dartmouth College will provide a place for newly elected or appointed tribal governmental leaders to engage with each other and with experienced faculty presenters on governance matters of vital importance to tribal nations.

The Academy will convene during the week of August 4-10, 2024 and will allow up to 25 tribal government leaders to gather in Hanover, New Hampshire to consider best governance practices that are appropriate for their unique tribal nations, including

- Strategies for enhancing intergovernmental relations with state and federal government
- Stimulating their local reservation economies
- Managing reservation natural resources
- Improving the delivery and outcomes of health care systems
- Developing more effective systems of criminal justice within their tribal communities

Conference Bulletin

The costs of travel and attendance will be covered by Dartmouth College. The

review of applications will begin on May 1, 2024 and applicants will be notified of



Less than a Week Remains to Submit Proposals for 2024 ARSL Conference Sessions!

ARSL Conference | September 11-14 | Springfield, MA

Are you a community engagement superstar? Have a storytime formula that can't be beat? Do your reader's advisory recommendations always hit the mark? ARSL needs YOU to present at their 2024 conference! The program presenters are the heart of any conference, bringing valuable skills and experience to share with fellow attendees. As the premiere conference *by* small and rural libraries, *for* small and rural libraries, the ARSL Conference Committee is looking for sessions presented by talented front-line library workers to fill the conference schedule.

This year's conference theme is "Libraries are (r)Evolutionary." The ARSL conference provides an opportunity to explore the transformative power of rural and small libraries in their communities. Like chrysalises of change, these libraries nurture revolutionary ideas and evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of their patrons. Let's embrace the (r)Evolutionary spirit of libraries and inspire each other.

Submit a Program Proposal

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 7:00 pm PST

Ready to get started? Download the <u>sample RFP form</u> to preview the questions. Check out ARSL's <u>Tips for a Great Program Proposal</u> to help polish your submission!

Please direct any questions to the ARSL Office, info@arsl.org or (206) 453-3579.

ALSC National Institute 2024 – Professional Development Grant

Grant Applications Due *Monday, May 13th, 2024* <u>More Grant Information Here</u>

Washington State Library (WSL) is offering a competitive grant open to public and tribal library staff in Washington State. A limited number of recipients will be selected to receive a grant for up to \$2,400 in allowable costs (see below) to attend the 2024 ALSC National Institute in Denver, CO. The conference is happening on September 19-21, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed and scored against the following demonstrated criteria: Financial and professional development need, community/patron impact, and plans for sharing the knowledge gained at the conference. WSL may also use geographic and demographic data in the decision-making process. Each individual should submit a separate application, even if multiple staff people from the same system are applying to attend. Each recipient is responsible for completing the

required reports.

More information about the ALSC National Institute can be found <u>here</u>. Conference programs can be found <u>here</u>.

Supported by funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Apply now for the <u>2024 WAML Diversity and Early Career Librarian</u> <u>Scholarships!</u>

The Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) is an independent association of map and geospatial librarians and other people with an interest in maps and geospatial librarianship. WAML is committed to actively encouraging diverse voices and new perspectives in the field of map and geospatial librarianship and within our organization.

WAML offers three scholarship opportunities in conjunction with the <u>2024 WAML</u> <u>Annual Meeting in University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM September 25-28,</u> <u>2024</u>. Each scholarship includes an award of **\$750**, a one-year membership in WAML, free conference registration and the opportunity to present at the conference.

The application deadline is **May 31, 2024.** Please **apply via the** <u>online</u> <u>application form</u>.

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the results by **June 28, 2024.**

For more information on eligibility and the application process, visit <u>https://waml.org/scholarships/</u>.

Contact Jo-Ann Wong (Scholarship Committee Chair) at <u>joannwong@nypl.org</u> with questions about the program or application process.

The Learning Curve

WebJunction Presents: Leadership Strategies for Building Connection and Defusing Difficult Situations"

Tuesday, April 31, 2024, at 12 pm PST Register <u>here</u>.

As library staff, our collective morale and goodwill are often eroded by a tidal wave of factors including book challenges, budget constraints, staffing shortages,

toxic online discourse, and an increasingly divided culture. In times like these, searching for common ground might sound naïve or idealistic, but intentionally cultivating these mindsets can have a profound effect on your organizational culture, communication, problem-solving, and mental health. This webinar introduces skills grounded in the "Good Inside" approach, and will cover practical strategies to develop empathetic, curiosity-led leadership that assumes good intent in moments of conflict and stress, along with actionable communication skills for connection and cooperation.

This webinar will help you:

- Develop curiosity-led leadership that starts from a place of assuming good intent and adopting a most generous perspective in moments of conflict and stress.
- Learn strategies for fostering an emotionally healthy organizational culture to deepen connection, engage cooperation, and problem solve more effectively.
- Consider the frames through which we view and interpret the world and examine how we can broaden those frames or to simply recognize what we don't know.
- Discuss the "FACTS" of effective communication (Fully present, Acknowledging feelings, Curious longer, and Tag-teaming solutions from the Same side).

Presented by: Rebekah Cummings, Interim Director of Digital Matters, University of Utah Marriott Library

ASERL Presents: How Trauma and Stress Impacts the Well-Being of BIPOC Library Workers

Date: 4/26/24 **Time:** 11:00 AM PST **Format:** Zoom Webinar Register <u>here</u>.

<u>This presentation</u> delves into the profound effects of trauma and stress on the well-being of library workers, with a focus on the experiences of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) professionals. Trauma, whether stemming from singular incidents or prolonged circumstances, poses significant challenges to individuals' mental health and overall well-being. Through personal narratives and insights, this session sheds light on the intricate ways in which trauma and stress intersect with the professional lives of BIPOC library workers. By fostering awareness and understanding, the presentation aims to contribute to a more supportive and inclusive work environment within the library community.

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain insight into the diverse experiences of trauma and stress faced by BIPOC library professionals.

2. Establish a foundation for ongoing dialogue and collaboration to promote the well-being and resilience of BIPOC library workers.

3. Discuss the importance of allyship and cultural competence in mitigating workplace challenges faced by BIPOC library workers.

4. Develop an understanding of the broader implications of these issues for organizational culture and the effectiveness of library services.

Presenter:

Alejandro Marquez (he/him), is a Science and Engineering Librarian at the University of Denver Libraries. He also served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador where he worked as a Municipal Development volunteer. His research interests include library employee engagement and mental health.

NNLM Presents "From Wallflowers to Power Players: Mastering the Art of Networking"

Date: 4/25/24 Time: 9:30 AM PST Format: Zoom Webinar Register <u>here</u>.

Learn tips and tricks for networking at conferences, connecting with peers, and building your professional network.

This webinar is brought to you through a partnership with the Early Career Librarian Initiative (ECLI) a volunteer-based group within SCC/MLA.

Presenters:

Shannon D. Jones EdD, MLS, MEd, AHIP, FMLA *(she/her)* is the Director of Libraries for the Medical University of South Carolina Libraries in Charleston. She is also Director of Region 2 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

Brian D. Leaf is the Executive Director of Region 3 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at <u>newsletter@wla.org</u> by Monday to be included in that week's digest.

It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. <u>Join</u> or <u>Renew</u> <i>your membership today!



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