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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

August 14, 2024



### **WLA Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit - Save the Date!**

**Saturday, November 16, 2024 | Online**

Bibliotherapy refers to the use of reading for therapeutic purposes, and as library people, we've all seen the way stories can transform, empower, and heal. Learn more about the affective benefits of reading and how libraries can use these ideas to positively impact the wellbeing of our patrons, communities, and ourselves, even if you're not a licensed mental health professional.

The virtual Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit offers day-long programming around the concept of bibliotherapy in collection development, readers' advisory, programming, outreach, and more. Come away with the tools and knowledge to help your library community find "shelf help."

**All sessions will be recorded and made available to all registrants.**

State-Wide Access Registration form opens **August 21**.

Individual and Organizational Registration forms open **September 18**.

Keep an eye on the [Summit webpage](#) for more details to come!



### 2025 WLA Election Nominations Open in TWO Weeks!

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position in 2025. Please visit the [elections homepage](#) for open positions and their descriptions. You may also find a [preview of the candidate statement questions here](#).

### 2025 Elections Timeline

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**—Nominations open (*may nominate self or others*)

**Wednesday, Sept. 18** — Nominations due date

**Wednesday, Sept. 25** — Online voting opens

**Friday, Oct. 11** — Online voting closes

**Wednesday, Oct. 16** — Election winners announced\*

\*Elected Officers: Vice President/President-Elect, Treasurer, ALD/ACRL-WA Board Director, SpLD Board Director, and ALA Councilor will be expected to attend a WLA Board Retreat on **Sunday, Oct. 27**. Location TBD in West WA.



**Alki Summer Issue Now Available**

This issue of *A/ki* takes up the WLA 2024 conference theme of “We All Belong.”

Inside, you will find pieces on increasing accessibility in online materials, creating family-friendly spaces in academic libraries, and supporting 2SLGTBQIA+ communities in our libraries. Also included are articles on the importance of building community in rural libraries as well as an overlooked space in archives: personal UFO research collections.

As the conference issue, you’ll find updates on the community at large, including the WLA Mentor program, the WLA 2024 Merit Award winners, the 2024 ALA conference, and this year’s state legislative session.

[Check out the Summer Issue here!](#)



### Take action to [#FundLibraries](#) in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25)!

With the [release](#) of the President's proposed FY25 budget, the annual funding process has begun. Learn more about the campaign and spread the word with the tools and resources below:

[Did Your Members of Congress Sign On?](#) [Fact Sheets & Resources](#) [Share the Campaign](#)

[Take Action!](#)

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee has passed its budget and proposed a 15% cut to the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). We need to [#FundLibraries](#), not defund them, to support the vital services that they provide for our students, seniors, jobseekers, veterans, and so many other members of our community.

**WLA and the ALA Public Policy & Advocacy Office want to hear YOUR story of how an IMLS Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant made an impact in your library and community.**

[Share Your Story!](#)

By completing this form, you agree to share your story with ALA and WLA for potential campaign use. You may submit this form more than once for multiple narratives, and we encourage sharing this form widely with your network.

It's critical to oppose these drastic proposed cuts, and we thank you for sharing your story with us by **Friday, Aug. 16**. Looking to take more action? [Contact Congress](#) to voice your concerns!

## Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking a [Part-Time Faculty](#) position.

King County Library Systems is seeking a [Librarian Services Manager – Multiple Locations](#) and a [Children's Services Coordinator](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking multiple [Bilingual Branch Librarians](#), an [Area Manager, Library Assistants](#), and a [Bookmobile Associate](#).

Olympic College is seeking a [Library Adjunct Faculty](#).

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences is seeking an [Education and Reference Librarian](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Customer Experience Assistant - Float](#).

Primary Source: We Speak Library is seeking a [Community Engagement Coordinator](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Temporary Assistant Librarian](#) for sabbatical coverage.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I](#) (closing date Aug. 15).

Tigard Public Library is seeking [On Call Librarians](#).

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors \(Olympia\)](#) and a [Librarian/Public Services Specialist \(North Mason & Hoodspport\)](#) (closing date Aug. 22).

The Washington State Library is seeking a [Library Assistant](#) and a [Branch Librarian \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

*If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.*

### **[Internet Archive](#) is now accepting applications to join [Community Webs](#)!**

Launched in 2017, Community Webs seeks to empower cultural heritage organizations to build community-focused digital collections documenting local history with a particular focus on voices that have been underrepresented in the historic record. Applications from public libraries, historical societies and museums, local and community archives, and other cultural heritage organizations are encouraged to apply. The program is free to participating organizations who receive:

- Access to [Archive-It](#), Internet Archive's web archiving tool and discovery platform
- 1/2 TB of storage in [Vault](#), Internet Archive's digital preservation system
- In-person and online training
- Technical support
- Opportunities and financial support for networking and professional development

There are currently nearly 200 member organizations from across 45 US states, 7 Canadian provinces, and a growing number of locations outside of North America.

***We are now accepting applications on a rolling basis. [Apply online today!](#)***

Interested in learning more? Attend an upcoming information session for prospective members. These sessions will include a brief presentation about the program and time for Q&A with the program manager. Register for your preferred session:

[Thursday, August 22, 12:00 pm PT](#)

[Friday, August 23, 9:00 am PT](#)

[Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 am PT](#)

[Wednesday, September 4, 10:00 am PT](#)

[Friday, September 6, 9:00 am PT](#)

Can't make an info session or have additional questions? Contact the Community Webs team at [communitywebs@archive.org](mailto:communitywebs@archive.org).

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### **King County Library System Hosting Series of Author Events**

The [King County Library System](#) (KCLS) invites community members to attend a series of inspiring and educational author events. Visit [kcls.org/authorevents](http://kcls.org/authorevents) for

more information.

### **[Brendan Slocumb](#)**

**Thursday, August 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

#### **Online**

Join musician, educator and New York Times bestselling author Brendan Slocumb to discuss his recent book "[Symphony of Secrets](#)." Seattle University professor and radio host Dr. Quinton Morris will moderate.

### **[Sabrina Strings](#)**

**Thursday, September 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

#### **Online**

Author Sabrina Strings, Ph.D. will discuss her books "[Fearing the Black Body: The Racial Origins of Fat Phobia](#)" and "[The End of Love: Racism, Sexism and the Death of Romance](#)" at this engaging event.

### **[Georgia Dunn](#)**

**Saturday, September 14, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

#### **[Kenmore Library](#)**

Meet local cartoonist, author and illustrator Georgia Dunn, the creator of [Breaking Cat News](#) books and daily comics. Dunn will talk about her latest title, "[Good as Goldie](#)" and share ghostly stories from the Breaking Cat News universe.

### **[Mercury Stardust](#)**

**Tuesday, September 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

#### **Online**

Meet Mercury Stardust, professional home maintenance technician, performer, award-winning activist and author of "[Safe and Sound: A Renter-Friendly Guide to Home Repair](#)." Hear how they became the internet sensation known as "Trans Handy Ma'am," a first-time author and more.

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### **AME created survey regarding AI and education**

[Action for Media Education \(AME\)](#), a Washington-based nonprofit with a 30+ history of promoting media literacy education, in collaboration with the Northwest Center for Media Literacy, UW, needs your help.

[AME is conducting a survey](#) regarding AI and education. They would like to learn more about teacher experience with AI this year so they can develop resources that would be useful for educators next year. This will help inform them about what types of engagement they can offer for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please take 5 minutes or less to tell them about your experience with AI in the classroom, as well as encourage your network to also fill out this survey. The more responses received, the better. Thank you!

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## Washington State Adult Summer Reading Book Bingo 2024 is here!

Libraries of Washington, please feel free to download, print, and distribute [these Book Bingo forms](#) to your community members!

We've seen some libraries in Washington do a drawing for prizes at the end of the summer; we've also heard from readers who are excited to bring back some of the fun of summer reading programs they enjoyed as kids — and that in itself is a prize.

This year's beautiful artwork was created by [Sabella Flagg](#). These cards were adapted from The Seattle Public Library's and Seattle Arts & Lectures bingo program, and this is the eight year we've been able to provide a card for readers across Washington.

Send us pictures of your book bingo displays and we will post them via Washington State Library social media. Post your displays using the hashtag #BookBingoNW2024.

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## Attend the Youth Services Critical Conversations Club!

Third Thursdays (Sept. 2024-May 2025): 2-3 p.m.

[More Information and Registration Here](#)

Relationship-building, professional learning cohorts, and idea-sharing are integral ways for library staff to stay inspired, engaged, innovative, and intentional. To this end, this year **Youth Services Critical Conversations Club** will serve as an informal and open-ended opportunity for Youth Services folks in Washington State to connect, talk, idea-share, and build community.

Every Third Thursday from 2-3 p.m., the Washington State Library will provide a virtual space for youth services, early learning, school-age, and teen services workers in Washington libraries to come together. Bring your successes, questions, ideas, and challenges, or just chat and build relationships with your Washington colleagues! These meetings are intended as interactive spaces, so they will work best if you come willing to participate with a camera and microphone. WSL will provide breakout rooms by age group served and example discussion questions, but these meetings will be driven by your voices!

Registering will give you access to the Zoom link and calendar file for all monthly meetings between Sept. 2024 and May 2025.

*Supported by funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library*





[Washington Reads Freely](#) is a months-long effort to celebrate the freedom to read. The effort encourages library patrons and the general public to share their stories of what reading freely means to them. The responses will be collected and shared during Banned Books Week in late September. (Sharing anonymously is an option for participants.)

Libraries of Washington, this toolkit will help you share the Washington Reads Freely campaign with your community members: online, in your libraries in person, or both!

Check out the [project website](#) for printable posters and bookmarks and a link to the online form for participants to fill out!

*This project is supported by Washington State Library, Humanities Washington, the Washington Center for the Book, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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### **Girls Who Code Club- Free Coding Curriculum Available!**

Are you looking for upcoming programming for students? Don't miss out on Girls Who Code's free coding curriculum and resources! Get a head start on your fall programming by signing up to start a free Girls Who Code Club. This free program is designed by expert educators as an easy-to-use "program in a box" open to all 3rd-12th graders. Whether you launch a stand-alone Girls Who Code Club or use the curriculum to supplement the existing programming, Girls Who Code is ready to help you equip students with the confidence and skills they need to succeed.

[Sign up here to access everything for free!](#)

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### **Inside the World's Haunted Libraries: Share Your Story**



A librarian at Indiana University Southeast is currently working on a book, *Inside the World's Haunted Libraries*. They are specifically hoping to include personal stories and experiences from library workers who have experienced strange or paranormal events in libraries of any type. If anyone has a story they'd like to have included in the book, submit your encounter at this [brief Google form](#).

## WLA Community Happenings

A promotional graphic for the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) meeting. The background is a dark teal color with a pattern of small white dots. On the right side, there is a large white coffee cup with a latte art design, sitting on a white saucer, with two yellow autumn leaves scattered around it. The text "SRRT MEETING" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. To the left of the coffee cup, the text "Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)" is written in white, followed by "Please join the SRRT with a warm mug in hand!" in a smaller white font. Below this, a yellow box contains the text "Next Meetings". Underneath, two bullet points list the meeting dates: "Tuesday, August 27th @4pm" and "Tuesday, September 24th @4pm". At the bottom left, there is the Washington Library Association logo and a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text "Learn more at: https://www.wla.org/srrt" is written in white.

### Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Upcoming Meetings

Whether you're gearing up for the academic new year or wrapping up summer reading programs, the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) is here to hear about your experience. Join SRRT at our mid-year check up on **August 27th @4pm** or **September 24th @4pm** to connect with other library staff over a warm mug. ☕🍂

We'll be sharing our gear-up and wind-down experiences, reflecting on our previous SRRT meetings, and selecting concepts for the final three SRRT sessions. Both long-time attendees and first-time drop-ins are welcome!

August 27th @4pm Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89577945735>

Meeting Minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-u7Drv64RkfjaGDh1geVrgBmYtOyG-BjqjbhdkbENH8/edit>

About SRRT: <https://www.wla.org/srrt-meetings---events>

*All meeting links will be available on the [WLA member's calendar here](#).*

## Grant Opportunitites

### The Pilcrow Foundation: [Children's Book Project Program Grant](#)

- Grant provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community.
- The Pilcrow Foundation accepts applications from independent rural public libraries and Native American Tribal libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative system. A branch library may apply if it serves a rural community.
- The Pilcrow Foundation accepts applications from school libraries only if the school library also serves as the community's public library (i.e., it is open to the entire community; has summer hours; is open beyond the school day, including Saturdays; there is no public library in town) and meets the budgetary and rural requirements.

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*Have grants to share with the WLA community? Please send information to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include any relevant requirements, as well as the blurb you would like posted.*

## Conference Bulletin



### Register for the ARSL 2024 Conference

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference will be held **Sept. 11-14** in Springfield, MA.

#ARSL2024 is *the* conference for rural and small libraries. Our conference planners and presenters understand the constraints of shoestring budgets, small spaces, and limited staffing within small and rural libraries, as well as the unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration. Our conference is packed full of information you can take right back to your library—no scaling down required.

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

Please visit the [conference homepage](#) for more information and to register!

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### Register for the NWILL Resource Sharing Conference

The [NWILL \(Northwest Interlibrary Loan\)](#) conference will be held **Sept. 18-20** in a unique hybrid format; attendees can join in person at [University of Oregon](#) in [Eugene](#), Oregon or virtually through the [Whova](#) conference platform. Regardless of how you attend, you will have access to amazing presentations and networking opportunities!

Programming for 2024 includes presentations on topics such as E-Book ILL, Succession Planning, International Resource Sharing, Copyright, ISO 18626, Policy Harmonization, Training, Visualizing ILL Data, and more. Most presentations will be in-person and live-streamed to our virtual audience. The full program will be posted on the [NWILL website](#) and on the [Whova](#) conference platform.

**Have questions?** Get in touch with the planning committee by email to [nwillconf@gmail.com](mailto:nwillconf@gmail.com).

## The Learning Curve

### Register for OSPI’s Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Boot Camps Aug. 12-15

If you’ve already begun your Media Literacy instruction journey, these sessions will offer “Choose Your Own Adventure” opportunities to add on to what you’re already doing with middle school or high school students:

[Register for Adding Media Literacy Flavor for Secondary Educators](#)

- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10-11:30 am: If you can only do one Media Literacy thing: Check the information sources students are finding for research projects
- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1-2:30 pm: Questions, habits, and routines to have in your toolbox: Weaving Media Literacy into what you’re already doing

- Thursday, Aug. 15, 10–11:30 am: Getting students on board with Media Literacy: Activating self-reflection and metacognition
- Thursday, Aug. 15, 1–2:30 pm: A few more tools for your toolbox and I guess we'd better talk about AI

Clock hours will only be available for participants in the synchronous Zoom sessions. Stay tuned for asynchronous or hybrid opportunities during the 2024–25 school year.

All sessions will be presented by Lesley James, OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program Supervisor, [lesley.james@k12.wa.us](mailto:lesley.james@k12.wa.us).

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### **Game to Grow TTRPG Workshop**

The Washington State Library is partnering with Adam Davis from [Game to Grow](#) to offer full day, in-person, interactive Tabletop Role-Playing Game trainings around the state in late summer/early fall. These trainings are free and open to library staff of any kind – public, tribal, school, academic, and special. Clock Hours will be made available for Teacher-Librarians.

**Please register early – registration will close one month prior to each event so we can communicate the attendance to the presenter and plan accordingly.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** – Seattle Public Library – Southwest Branch, 9010 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126 – [Register Here](#) (*Registration deadline – Aug. 18*)

For more information about the trainings, click on the registration links above. Please contact Sara White at [sara.white@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.white@sos.wa.gov) or [WSLTraining@sos.wa.gov](mailto:WSLTraining@sos.wa.gov) with any questions.

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Society of Children's Book Writers - Western Washington

# HEY! MY BOOK WAS BANNED!

A discussion with three creatives  
who've faced the challenges

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*Dash*

*My Mom's Having  
a Baby!*

*The Name Jar*

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm on Zoom  
\$15 for Members, \$20 for Nonmembers

## Hey! My Book was BANNED!

The Society of Children's Book Writers & Editors Western Washington Chapter is hosting an important virtual session on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30pm. HEY, MY BOOK WAS BANNED will feature three KidLit authors talking about the challenges their books faced and how those challenges affected their work and their sense of duty in working against bans.

Registration is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Please visit the [SCBWI website](#) for more information and to register.

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*It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!*



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