



# Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

February 21, 2018

On this day: In 1925, the [first issue](#) of *The New Yorker* is published.

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## Making Headlines

### Registration Closes Friday for WA Library Legislative Day and Advocacy Bootcamp



Join us in Olympia on February 28 for the WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. Legislative Day is free to attend, but [online registration](#) closes this Friday, February 23.

On March 1, the day before WA Library Legislative Day, will be hosting the [ALA Advocacy Bootcamp](#)! Advocacy Bootcamp urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library community and expand the way we have been advocating for libraries. [Online registration](#) for the bootcamp also closes this Friday, February 23.

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**Welcome to Our Newest Organizational Member:  
The Evergreen State College**



# the evergreen state college

[The Evergreen State College](#) is an arts college in Olympia, surrounded by more than 1,000 acres of forest and 3,300 feet of unspoiled beach on the Puget Sound. According to *US News and World Report*, Evergreen is the most innovative college in the West. The ranking is based on innovative curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology, and facilities.

Built in 1971, the [Daniel J. Evans Library](#) at Evergreen houses a collection of over three-quarters of a million print and media items. According to Greg Mullins, the Dean for Instructional Support and Library & Media Services, “[The Daniel J. Evans Library] is a place where people build relationships with each other, pursue their inquiry, and, broadly speaking, pursue what is driving them to be at Evergreen in the first place.”

Let's give a warm WLA welcome to The Evergreen State College!

## Look Who's Hiring



The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Office of Research and Library Services is seeking a [Digitization Project Librarian - Library and Archival Professional 2](#). The position closes February 21.

Bellingham Public Library is seeking an [Adjunct Librarian](#). The position closes March 2.

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher, Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist](#). The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking an [Outreach Services Specialist](#). The position closes February 26.

[The Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

## Conference Communiqué

### 2018 AkLA Conference



AKLA CONFERENCE  
**BRIDGING THE GAPS**  
2018

Join the Alaska Library Association (AkLA) March 8-11 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage for the 2018 AkLA Conference: Bridging the Gaps. Check out the [conference website](#) for more information.

Online registration is now available. Grants are available to waive registration fees and defray the cost of travel.

## The Learning Curve

**Hope from Our Grandmothers:  
Decolonizing Data through Stories of**

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please [email](#) us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

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## News & Notes

### WLA Division & Section Co-Coordinators Appointed



Last week WLA President Craig Seasholes appointed [Leah Griffin](#) and [Geri Ventura](#) as WLA Division & Section Co-Coordinators. We're excited to have them on board!

Leah works at University Prep and is a member of the School Library Division. Geri works at Highline College and is a member of the Academic Library Division.

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### OTTER Award Voting Is Open



It's time to cast your votes for the [2018 OTTER Award](#)! The deadline for voting is Friday, May 4. Schools and libraries should submit their votes online [here](#)

The OTTER (Our Time To Enjoy Reading) Award is designed for ALL students in grades

## Resilience

"[Hope From our Grandmothers: Decolonizing Data through Stories of Resilience](#)" is the next PNR Rendezvous webinar on Wednesday, February 21 from 1:00 – 2:00pm PT. Registration is encouraged but not required for this free webinar.

Much research has been historically rooted in controlling American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) and other indigenous peoples to exploit land and natural resources, or even heredity and group identity. Yet, AIAN community ties, tribal sovereignty rights and claims, and cultural values are emerging as critical elements of resiliency key to reversing the very health and social issues that have plagued indigenous populations as a whole since the dawn of colonization. The practice of research and utilizing information collected by means of observation, hypothesis-testing, repetition of experiment and sound conclusions to inform decision-making, have been integral to indigenous survival and wellbeing for centuries. This webinar will review some of the modern scientific values in comparison to AIAN ways of knowing and provide examples of indigenous research concepts as they align with decolonizing data.

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### Latino STEM Learning

The GENIAL (Generating Engagement and New Initiatives for All Latinos) Summit, funded by the National Science Foundation, was held June 5-6, 2017, at the Exploratorium in San Francisco, CA. It focused on increasing Latino participation in Informal STEM Learning (ISL) environments (like public libraries) by assessing what is currently known and began to identify new areas to consider in the future. Ninety-one practitioners, community leaders, media specialists, and researchers from across the United States and Puerto Rico participated. Learn more about the Summit and its resources by registering for one of the upcoming webinars:

- [February 27, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm PT](#)
- [April 25, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm PT](#)

Each interactive webinar will include a brief overview of the GENIAL Summit proceedings, recommendations, and actionable insights. Webinar participants will have a chance to interact with each other, project organizers,

K-5. This Washington State Award is given yearly to a transitional chapter book, starting in 2017. The award is sponsored by the WLA School Library Division and is voted upon by students in Washington State.

The OTTER Committee recognizes that elementary children transition into chapter books at different ages and, as such, does not limit their reading or voting to a specific age or grade level.

The 2018 nominees are:

- *The Bad Guys: Episode 1* by Aaron Blabey
- *Lola Levine Is Not Mean!* by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
- *The Great Pet Escape* by Victoria Jamieson
- *The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara LaReau, illustrated by Matt Myers
- *I am Jane Goodall* by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos
- *All Paws On Deck* by Jessica Young, illustrated by James Burks

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### **I Am WLA: Leah Griffin**

Check out the latest edition of I AM WLA, featuring Leah Griffin! A longtime WLA member, Leah is currently a Division & Section Coordinator. A few of her responses are below, but you can read the full interview [here](#).

*Q: What is the most important work that you do to benefit your community?*

"The most important work I do is to empower young people to be intellectually courageous, socially responsible citizens of the world."

*Q: What is your most memorable WLA experience?*

"My most memorable WLA experience was when Anne Bingham and I (while not attending the WLA conference) snuck into the Davenport Hotel balcony and crashed the keynote just in time to hear J.A. Jance sing 'I Learned the Truth at Seventeen.'"

*Q: What are you currently reading?*

"*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas"

and advisors in a lively conversation about how the GENIAL results can influence their work with Latinos and other diverse audiences and to explore how the GENIAL results can move the ISL field forward. The session will include plenty of time for questions and discussion.

You can access the resulting GENIAL publications before the webinar [here](#). For more on diversity in libraries around STEM, [click here](#).

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### **Flip Badge This! Teaching Students to Love Databases**

Get ready to badge your way out of those boring database lessons! Schools are packed with reluctant database users who would much rather get to work than listen to one more database lesson. Well, here is a way to spice up and personalize database instruction. In this edWebinar, Michelle Luhtala, Library Department Chair at New Canaan High School, CT, and Dr. Brenda Boyer, Teacher Librarian at Kutztown Senior High School in Kutztown, PA, will share the flipped instructional program that Dr. Boyer introduced to her virtual library students. There will be time for questions after the presentation. School librarians, teachers, administrators, and all educators interested in database instruction will enjoy and learn from this live, interactive session.

[Tune in](#) Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm PT.

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### **Financial Literacy: Facts vs. Fiction**

The Federal Trade Commission protects consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices by filing lawsuits against scammers and distributing educational materials about how to avoid being scammed. Financial literacy is a key component in helping consumers recognize and prevent problems. FTC staff will discuss how to spot and avoid financial scams and how consumers and consumer advocates can access the FTC's free financial literacy materials. Topics covered will include using financial planning resources, obtaining credit and credit repair services, laws regulating debt relief and debt collection, and scams preying on vulnerable consumers. Many of the free resources are also available

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## Introducing the Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX)

The [Public Library Innovation Exchange](#) is a Knight Foundation-funded grant project to build collaborations between MIT Media Lab researchers and public libraries across the US. The project has three components:

- Residency exchanges—where Media Lab will match a public library with a Media Lab researcher to work on a project together. Each partner on the team will travel to the other partner's institution for a brief residency to allow for in-depth work, co-design, and development.
- A public website—where Media Lab will host resources to help libraries implement projects created at the Media Lab. This will include how-to guides and kits targeted specifically at public library implementations.
- A series of online events and virtual hangouts for librarians and Media Lab researchers, to demo tools and provide a forum for conversation and idea generation. The goal will be to build a community of collaborators across the library and Media Lab worlds.

Are you a librarian interested in collaborating with the Media Lab or implementing these tools? [Get in touch.](#)

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## Two WLA Members on Newbery Medal Committee

Last week, the Newbery Medal was awarded to *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly. The committee to select the winner [included two WLA members](#): Cecilia McGowan and Ann Crewdson.

As the Chair of the 2018 Newbery Committee, Cecilia McGowan will present the award in person to the Newbery Medal award winner at the ALA conference in New Orleans on June 24. Cecilia is also honored to stand for election as President of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC).

in Spanish. Presented by Richard McKewen, Nadine Samter, and Tina Kondo, Federal Trade Commission.

[Tune in](#) to this free March First Tuesdays Webinar from the Washington State Library on March 6 at 9:00 am PT.

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## Current in Comics: Upcoming Graphic Novels for Your Library

Need to beef up your graphic novels collection? Tune into this free, hour-long webinar and get the scoop on new releases for this high-circulating section. Representatives from First Second Books, a division of Macmillan Youth publishing, DC Comics, Lion Forge, Diamond, and Viz Media will present selections from their catalogs, which will include both some adult titles as well as youth and YA titles.

Tune in Tuesday, March 13, at 11:00 am PT. [Register here!](#)

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## CWU Library and Information Science Certificate and Minor

The Brooks Library of Central Washington University offers both a Library and Information Science Type B Certificate and Minor for paraprofessionals interested in developing their skill set in the field of librarianship. Courses in the program range in topic and include research, public service, organization, library technology, archives, and general information management. Courses and program tracks are offered online with some in-person options. Open enrollment begins March 19.

Courses available this spring quarter (March 27-June 8) include:

- LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1 credit)
- LIS298 Civic Engagement & Libraries (3 credits) \*course offered in-person
- LIS345 Library Research Methods and Information Literacy (4 credit)
- LIS412 Library Management & Leadership (3 credit)
- LIS411 Introduction to Archives (3 credit) \*course offered in-person

Have news to share? Please send it to the [WLA office](#) by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

Find out more about these programs and read course descriptions [here](#), or contact [Elizabeth Brown](#).

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