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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

July 10, 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.

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



2025 WLA ELECTIONS SAVE THE DATE!

Nominations Open Aug 28 - Sept 18

2025 WLA Election Nominations Open August 28, 2024!

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 position descriptions and more information to come!

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 WLA Board Retreat on Sunday, October 27, 2024.**



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

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

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

Take Action!

Each year, as the kick-off of #FundLibraries, ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office works with congressional staff to produce and circulate "Dear Appropriator" letters in Congress, addressed to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, requesting funding amounts for federal programs that support libraries. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding supports libraries of all kinds through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and its grant programs, including direct-to-state grants. The Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) funding supports school libraries through the Department of Education. The circulation of these letters marks the first and most influential nationwide advocacy action on the federal budget in any given year. This year, the letters are being led by Senator Jack Reed (RI), Rep. Don Bacon (NE-2), Rep. Raul Grijalva (AZ-7), and Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-2).

We need your support: Take action and urge your members of Congress to sign on in support of library funding requests. In every community, in every state, in every part of this country, patrons rely on library services supported by this critical funding. [Take action](#) and help preserve and expand this funding and the services it supports!

Look Who's Hiring

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

Central Washington University Libraries is seeking an [Affordable Course Materials Librarian](#).

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

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Collections & Technical Services Supervisor \(Bremerton\)](#).

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

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

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Senior Librarian](#),

St. Thomas School in Medina is seeking a [Library Instructional Assistant](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking an [Outreach Librarian](#).

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

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors \(Olympia\)](#).

The Washington State Library is seeking a [Collection Maintenance Specialist](#), a [Head of Collections](#), an [Office Assistant](#), and a [Branch Librarian \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Burbank Branch Supervisor & Vista Hermosa Assistant](#).

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

News & Notes

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!

Meet the new NNLM Region 5 Executive Director

In April, the [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\) Region 5](#) welcomed Kathryn Vela as our new Executive Director after Cathy Burroughs retired.

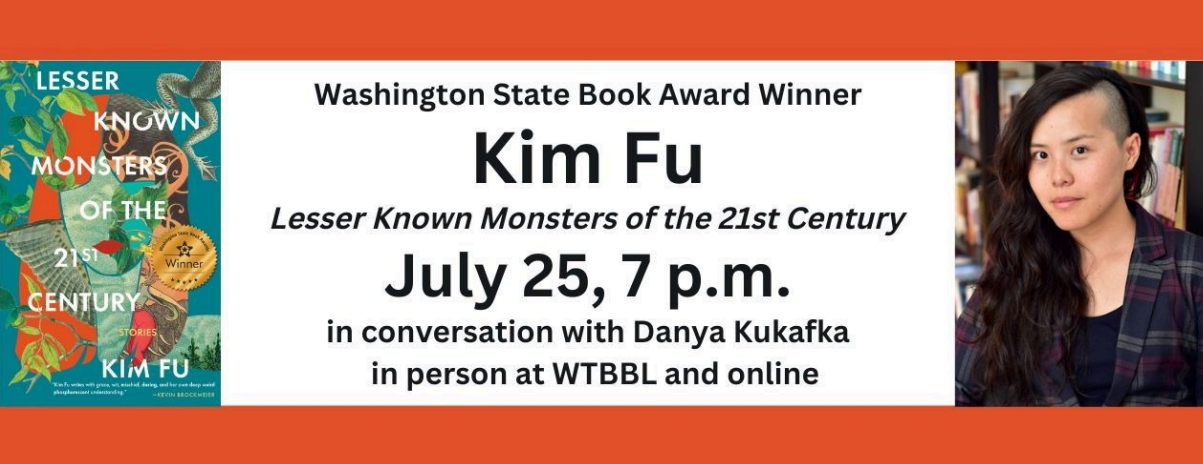
We invite everyone in NNLM Region 5 (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States in the Pacific) to a Meet and Greet event with Kathryn. This is an opportunity to get to know Kathryn,

share your ideas and feedback, and learn more about NNLM Region 5's initiatives and plans for the upcoming year.

Event: Region 5 Executive Director Meet and Greet

When: Wednesday, July 17 at 3:00 p.m. PT

How: [Register to attend](#)



The banner features a book cover on the left with the title 'LESSER KNOWN MONSTERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY' and author 'KIM FU'. A gold starburst on the cover says 'Winner'. To the right of the cover, the text reads: 'Washington State Book Award Winner', 'Kim Fu', 'Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century', 'July 25, 7 p.m.', and 'in conversation with Danya Kukafka in person at WTBBL and online'. On the far right is a portrait of Kim Fu, a woman with long dark hair wearing a plaid jacket.

Kim Fu in conversation with Danya Kukafka [online](#) and [in person at the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library \(WTBBL\)](#), July 25, 7 p.m.

Applications for APALA Mentoring Program Now Open!

The [application](#) to participate in the [APALA \(Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association\) Mentoring Program](#) for 2024-2025 is now open. We are recruiting for protégés and mentors. Please share widely!

- Protégés are library students or librarians with no more than 5 years professional experience (early career protégés), or librarians with 5 or more years of professional experience (mid-career protégés).
- Mentors are APALA members with at least 5 years professional experience and are active in professional library associations. We generally have a higher need for mentors with archival and public library experience, so we especially encourage archivists and public librarians to apply.

The application will close **July 31, 2024**. The Mentoring Committee will match applicants in August and inform applicants of their status by mid August. The program runs from September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Note that in order to participate, mentors and protégés must be or agree to become APALA members prior to the start of the program. [Learn more](#)

at <https://www.apalaweb.org/join-or-renew/>. Send questions to mentoring@apalaweb.org.

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.

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) is seeking candidates for our 2024 - 2025 Board for the positions of President Elect, Treasurer and Member-at-Large.

We are a fun, low-key group who meet monthly to plan our annual [summer conference](#) and other activities. If you're interested in enhancing your leadership skills and meeting other library professionals from around the state, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, or to nominate yourself or a colleague, please contact Julia Paulsen, WMLA Past President / Nominating Committee, julia.paulsen@seattlechildrens.org

Learn more about WMLA on our website: <https://www.wmla.org>



[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.)

WLA Community Happenings

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!

SRRT SUMMER READ

The Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) invites you to rest this summer.

Learn more at: <https://www.wla.org/srrt>

REST IS RESISTANCE
A MANIFESTO

TRICIA HERSEY
FOUNDER OF
THE NAP MINISTRY

"Essential!... Rest is a necessary step in reclaiming our power to resist systemic oppression."
-IBRAM X. KENDI, author of How to Be an Antiracist and Stamped from the Beginning

Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 25th @4pm
Tuesday, July 30th @4pm

Next SRRT Meeting: Tuesday, July 30th @4pm

The Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) invites you to **rest** this summer! Let's get our Summer Reading on with "Rest is Resistance: a Manifesto" by Tricia Hersey and put our resistance to the test. We'll be taking a stand (or lying down) on June 25th by taking the SRRT meeting off and then coming back together on Tuesday, July 30th to discuss [Tricia Hersey's](#) manifesto.

Checkout "Rest is Resistance" at your public library or listen in on a podcast featuring [Tricia Hersey, Founder of the Nap Ministry](#). Then, let's consider:

- How does your library disrupt or support destructive systems?

- How can rest revolutionize the library setting?
- How can you encourage rest with your staff?
- How do you practice rest?
- ...and more!

Please find the Zoom meeting details on the WLA Meetings and Events Calendar.

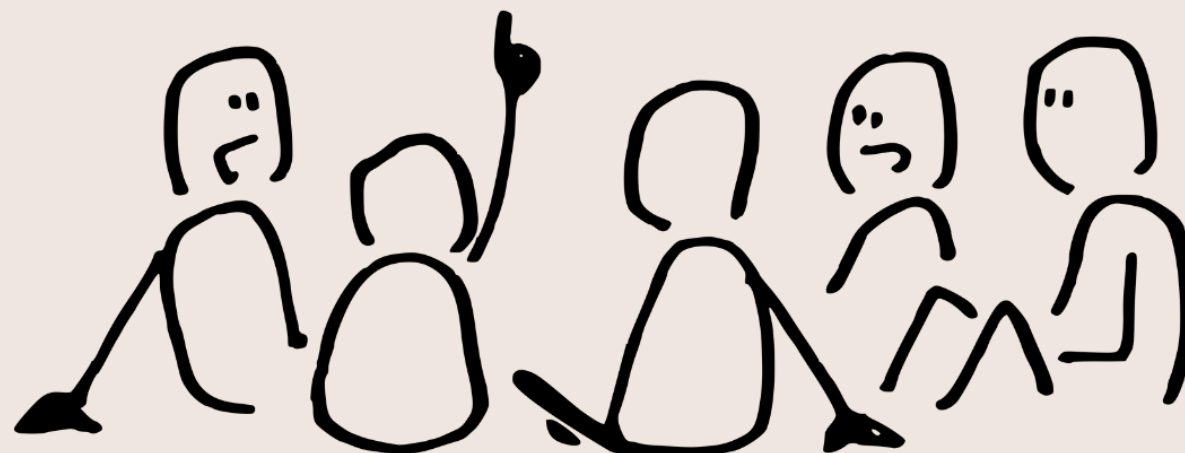
NEXT WALT MEETING

HAVE A TRAINING DILEMMA OR QUESTION?
LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FROM FELLOW TRAINERS?
ABLE TO SHARE YOUR TRAINING EXPERTISE?

ROUND TABLE CHECK-IN

VIA ZOOM

AUGUST 6, 2-3PM



WASHINGTON LIBRARY
TRAINERS

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO
THE WALT EMAIL GROUP
DAY-OF, OR CONTACT
MAGGIEMAE.NASE@WCLS.ORG

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 [WA Library Trainers \(WALT\)](#), a section of WLA.

This online round table will take place on **August 6, 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 [WLA Meetings and Events Calendar](#).



ARSL 2024 Conference Early-Bird Registration Closes July 16!

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference will be held **September 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!

Registration Open for WMLA 2024!

Registration is [now open](#) for the Washington Medical Librarians Association annual conference on **Friday, July 19 in Ellensburg, WA.** We have planned programs on culinary medicine, AI solutions for healthcare equity, and digital literacy promotion in diverse communities. We also have presentations from two student scholarship recipients. If you provide health information services in Washington state, or are interested in learning more about medical librarianship, please [join us!](#)



NWILL Resource Sharing Conference- Early Registration Discount extended through July 11

Great news! Early registration discounts for the 2024 Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference have been extended through July 11!

Discounted tickets for groups, self-paying attendees and student attendees are limited. These extra discounted tickets may sell out before July 11, so we encourage you to register early.

The NWILL conference will be held **September 18-20, 2024** 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.

Registration for the AkLA + PNLA 2024 Conference is open!

The conference kicks off in 3 weeks!

AkLA Members, Non-Members, Friends/Trustees/Students please register [here](#).
PNLA Members, Non-Members, Friends/Trustees/Students please register [here](#).

(Registration Types & Rates)

Exhibit and Sponsor Registrations can be made online [here](#) or with the [mail-in option](#).

(Exhibits & Sponsors)

More information can be found on the [conference website](#).

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) and the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) are hosting a joint conference to be held **August 1-3, 2024 in Juneau, AK.**

The Alaska Library Association and the Pacific Northwest Library Association have chosen "**Stronger Together: Amplifying Voices, Strengthening Communities**" as our 2024 conference theme. Libraries are at their strongest when they endeavor to provide collections, forums, and programs that actively uplift the diverse voices, stories, and experiences within our communities. The partnership between a library and its community is crucial in ensuring that our services are actively enriching the lives of every resident.

NEW The conference schedule has been posted! Check out the [website](#) for more information.

Use the hashtag **#AKLAPNLA2024** on social media. ([AkLA Facebook](#) / [PNLA Facebook](#))

The AkLA + PNLA 2024 Conference is thrilled to offer a one-of-a-kind **whale watching experience** to attendees! [Allen Marine Tours](#) will be hosting a 2-hour whale watching tour on Saturday, August 3rd! Leaving at 7:00 PM from Auke Bay, delve into Alaska's renowned whale and wildlife habitats.

The Learning Curve

The cost is \$125 per person and includes the cruise, boxed meal, and transportation to the harbor. There is limited availability - so first come, first served.

The UW Media Summer Media Literacy Institute Returns July 29-August 2!

Tessa Jolls, Director of the Center for Media Literacy and two of her colleagues will be offering the Media Literacy Institute **July 29th-August 2nd, 9:00-11:00am.**

Registration is \$300.

Course Objectives

Participants will...

- Understand basic media literacy theory and how to apply CML's evidence-based frameworks and pedagogy to any form of media – including AI and

- social media.
- Gain practice with close analysis and facilitating a media literacy class, including uncomfortable subjects, and become a confident presenter and co-learner.
- Learn how to integrate media literacy instruction into your school or district curriculum, creating engaging lessons that empower students.

Course Schedule

Participants will meet in 5 two-hour online synchronous sessions during the week of July 29-August 2, 2024. In addition, there will be 6 hours of asynchronous work to be completed between sessions (approximately 1.5 hours each day, Monday through Thursday). An optional 4 clock hours of extra project work is also available.

- **Session 1:** July 29, 9:00-11:00am PDT
- **Session 2:** August 30, 9:00-11:00am PDT
- **Session 3:** August 31, 9:00-11:00am PDT
- **Session 4:** August 1, 9:00-11:00am PDT
- **Session 5:** August 2, 9:00-11:00am PDT

Please [visit this link](#) for more information and to register.

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. There will be five trainings offered at the following locations/dates:

Wednesday, August 21st: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Fort Vancouver Regional Library -- Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604 – [Register Here](#) (*Registration deadline – July 21st*)

Thursday, August 29th: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Mid-Columbia Libraries – Kennewick Branch, 1620 S Union St, Kennewick, WA 99338 – [Register Here](#) (*Registration deadline – July 29th*)

Saturday, September 7th: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Spokane County Library

District -- Spokane Valley Library, 22 N Herald Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206 – [Register Here](#) (Registration deadline August 7th)

Wednesday, September 11th: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Everett Public Library – Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Avenue, Everett WA, 98201—[Register Here](#) (Registration deadline – August 11th)

Wednesday, September 18th: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Seattle Public Library – Southwest Branch, 9010 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126 – [Register Here](#) (Registration deadline – August 18th)

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

Have news to share? Please send information to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include any relevant graphics, as well as the blurb you would like posted in our newsletter.

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



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