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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

July 24, 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 NEXT MONTH!

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 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, 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!

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.

Burlington Public Library is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#) (closing date Aug. 5).

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking a [Library Specialist](#).

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](#), [Library Assistants](#), and a [Bookmobile Associate](#).

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

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Customer Experience Assistant - Float](#), a [Senior Accounts Payable Specialist](#), and a [Senior Finance Specialist-Payroll](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#) (closing date July 25) and a [Public Services Assistant I](#) (closing date July 28).

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

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

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

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

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Burbank Branch Supervisor & Vista Hermosa Assistant](#) (closing date July 29).

*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.*

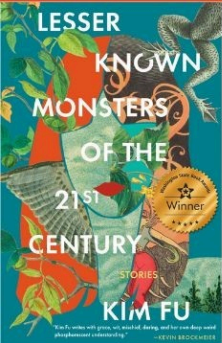
## News & Notes

### 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!




Washington State Book Award Winner

**Kim Fu**

*Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century*

**July 25, 7 p.m.**

in conversation with Danya Kukafka  
in person at WTBBL and online



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. Registration for the online event is required [here](#).

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## 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](mailto:mentoring@apalaweb.org).

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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.

Third Thursdays (September 2024-May 2025): 2:00-3:00 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 September 2024 and May 2025.

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



[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.



### Recommending Listening

The Seedfield, an award-winning podcast produced by WLA member Antioch University, recently released an episode titled, [Facing Book Bans and Budget Pressure, School Librarians Show Their Importance](#). It's a conversation about book bans, library misconceptions, and the important work school librarians do to serve students and the broader school ecosystem.

Hotline readers might also enjoy a previous episode titled, [School Librarians Are Essential, So Why Are These Jobs Disappearing?](#). It explores how a lack of data may have contributed to a decline in the number of school librarians, the way marginalized communities are hit hardest by the loss of school librarians, and how communities can fight back.

## WLA Community Happenings

**SRRT SUMMER READ**

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

**REST IS RESISTANCE**  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

**A MANIFESTO**

**TRICIA HERSEY**  
FOUNDER OF THE NAP MINISTRY

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

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

**Next Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 25th @ 4pm **rest**  
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](#).

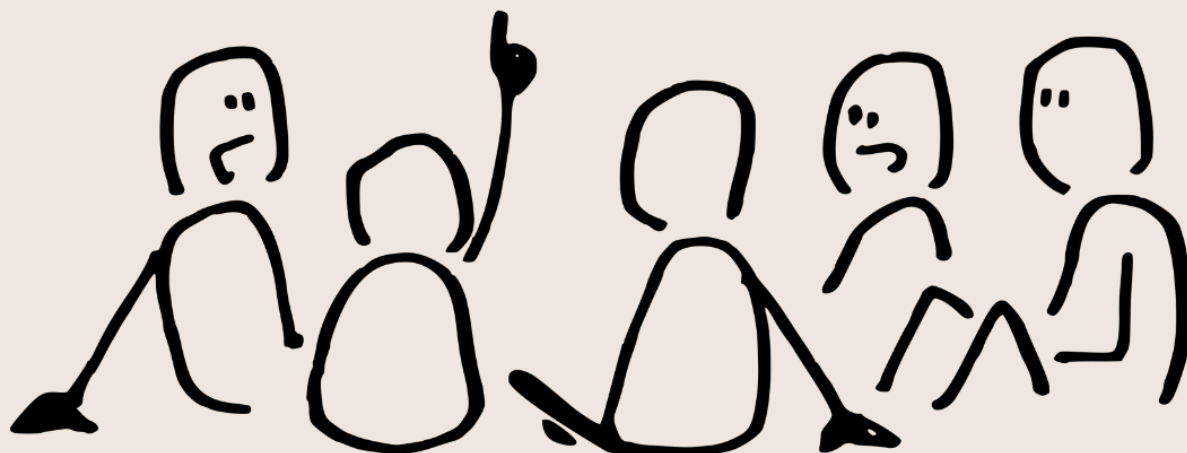
## NEXT WALT MEETING

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](mailto: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](#).

Not a member of WALT but interested in joining? WLA interest-based Sections are free to join by submitting [this form](#).

## Choice Boards for the 2025 Towner Award-nominated books

Click on book cover!

The image displays a grid of ten book covers for the 2025 Towner Award-nominated books. The books are: 'Destiny Finds Her Way' (a sloth), 'A River's Gifts' (a river scene), 'She Kept Dancing' (a ballerina), 'Survival Skills: First Aid' (a first aid kit), 'Spectacular Science: Buildings' (a city skyline), 'Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends' (a dog), 'The Secret Pocket' (three children), 'Swimming Toward a Dream' (a swimmer), 'Nature is a Sculptor' (a rock formation), and 'They Hold the Line' (a construction site).

Please visit the [Towner Award Page](#) to view the Choice Boards!

## Conference Bulletin

**#ARSL2024**  
**Libraries Are (r) Evolutionary**  
Springfield, MA • 09.11-09.14.24

Register for the ARSL 2024 Conference

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!

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### Register for the NWILL Resource Sharing Conference

The [NWILL \(Northwest Interlibrary Loan\)](#) 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](mailto:nwillconf@gmail.com).

## The Learning Curve

### 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.



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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.** 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](mailto:sara.white@sos.wa.gov) or [WSLTraining@sos.wa.gov](mailto:WSLTraining@sos.wa.gov) with any questions.

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