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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

July 31, 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!

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### 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 a WLA Board Retreat on **Sunday, Oct. 27**.

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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](#), 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](#), 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, Children's Services](#) (closing date Aug. 12).

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 \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

*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!

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### **Applications for APALA Mentoring Program Close TODAY!**

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 closes **TODAY, 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.

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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 Services administered by the Library Services and Technology Act, through the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.*

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[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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### **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](#).

Thank you!

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# THE SEED FIELD

A PODCAST BY ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY

SEASON 6, EPISODE 10

## Facing Book Bans and Budget Pressure, School Librarians Show Their Importance

### 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.

### Association All-Stars: Volunteer Spotlight



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**SHAWN SCHOLLMAYER**

Shawn has shown outstanding initiative in WLA the past several years. She has chaired the WA Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees & Advocates (WLFFTA) Section and been a member of the WLA Advocacy and Legislative Committees. Currently, you'll find Shawn chairing the WLA Special Library Division steering committee and sitting as WLA's Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Representative. Thank you, Shawn, for sharing opportunities and connecting library professionals and supporters together!

**What is your Favorite thing about volunteering for WLA?**

My favorite thing about WLA is the opportunities it has provided for me to explore leadership roles, meet library advocates all across the state (& PNW), and learn about so many creative projects our Washington libraries are involved in.

**this is my...**

**Current Read:** *Waves T. Brown*, *The Wok*

**Last Favorite Book:** *Red Paint*

**Next on TBR:** *Faint Heart*

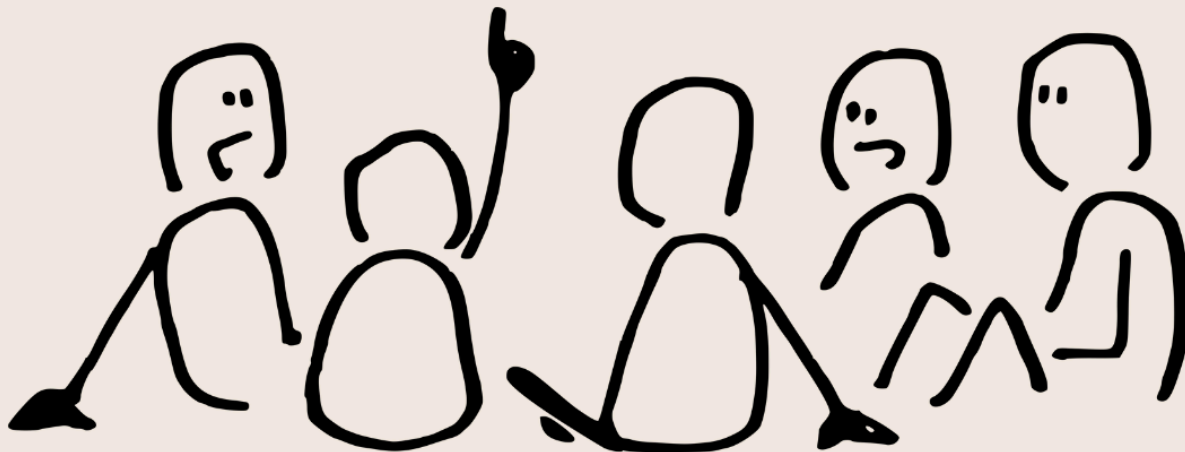
# NEXT WALT MEETING

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 Aug. 6 from 2-3 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent to the WALT members. **Grant Opportunities** Click 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](#).  
**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.

*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

These free Zoom sessions are open to all Washington state educators. If you've always meant to get started on Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship instruction, please join the sessions that are relevant for your age group: [Register for Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship 101 for Elementary Educators](#)

- Monday, Aug. 12, 10-11:30 am: What are Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship? (Elementary version)
- Monday, Aug. 12, 1-2:30 pm: Instructional Resources Greatest Hits (Elementary version)

[Register for Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship 101 for Secondary Educators](#)

- Tuesday, Aug. 13, 10-11:30 am: What are Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship? (Secondary version)
- Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1-2:30 pm: Instructional Resources Greatest Hits (Secondary version)

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

**Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** – Spokane County Library District -- Spokane Valley Library, 22 N Herald Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206 – [Register Here](#) (*Registration deadline Aug. 7*)

**Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** – Everett Public Library – Main Library,

2702 Hoyt Avenue, Everett WA, 98201—[Register Here](#) (Registration deadline – Aug 11 )

**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.

Society of Children's Book Writers - Western Washington

**HEY! MY BOOK WAS BANNED!**

**A discussion with three creatives who've faced the challenges**

**KIRBY LARSON** **DORI HILLESTAD BUTLER** **YANGSOOK CHOI**  
*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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