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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

June 5, 2024



WLA 2024 Spring Fundraiser

Online Silent Auction | May 8-31

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our online silent auction. Our donors truly came through with amazing items, and without them we would have had no auction. With your support we were able to raise over \$4,000! These donations go directly back into our organization to help fund scholarships, support member services, and provide library workers across WA resources and a community to learn and to grow in.

THANK YOU again! We appreciate your support and it means so much to be part of such a wonderful community.

Application open May 1-June 28

2024-2025 WLA Scholarships

Visit wla.org/wla-scholarships for more information.



WLA Scholarships Open May 1-June 28!

The application for 2024-2025 WLA Scholarships is now open at wla.org/wla-scholarships. A preview of the application form is also available on the [scholarships page](#).

WLA scholarships are professional development and/or memorial scholarships, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person's service to libraries.

This year's scholarships include:

[Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#): \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.

[Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#): \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.

[John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship](#): \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.

[Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship](#): \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2024 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

[Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#): \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2025 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

To learn more about the scholarship requirements, preview the form, and more, visit the [WLA Scholarships page](#).

Questions? Email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138



FUND LIBRARIES

Tell Congress
to invest in libraries.

ALA American Library Association #FUNDLIBRARIES

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!



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: *We All Belong*

***Alki's* Summer issue submission window is open!**

Alki Summer issues are dedicated to the WLA community goings-on. The Spring conference is the biggest WLA event of the year but it's not the only event of the year. Here is your chance to showcase your involvement in the Washington library community.

Some topic examples:

- WLA 2024 theme, "We All Belong": What does it mean to belong within a library? What does it look like? How can libraries best support a culture of belonging? Where do they fail in this mission? What are the major obstacles or threats? What is your library currently doing to better foster a sense of belonging?
- WLA 2024 presentations and talks
- WLA 2024 happenings: events, ideas, discussions, connections, etc.
- **WLA 2024 Photos:** we are looking for our next cover image and more for this issue!
- Division, section, or committee activities
- Statements from scholarship, award, and grant winners past and present
- Unofficial member gatherings or events
- Whatever you have to say about WLA!

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today or work through a potential article concept by emailing your name and a working title of your proposed piece to alkieditor@wla.org.

Do you have an article ready? View our submission guidelines [here](#) and email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to alkieditor@wla.org **by Tuesday, June 11th.**

WLA Mentoring Program Interest Form

WLA will launch its 2024-2025 mentoring program this fall! Please fill out [this form](#) to receive updates on the program later this year. Let us know your interest by **June 30!**

The goal of the WLA Mentoring program is to create a valuable experience for members, build professional relationships, and strengthen the profession within Washington. We invite Librarians, Paraprofessionals, Program Managers,

Supervisors, Consultants, Retired, other library staff to participate! **You must be a WLA member to participate.**

Benefits of Participating:

- Mentees: Develop your skills, learn from the best, and build professional relationships.
- Mentors: Develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession.

Look Who's Hiring

Learn more at wla.org/mentoring. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.

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

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

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager IV \(West Richland\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking multiple [Bilingual Branch Librarians](#) and an [Area Manager](#).

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

Oregon Tech is seeking a [University Librarian](#).

Primary Source - We Speak Library is seeking a [Fund Development Coordinator](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian, Adult Services](#), and two [Public Services Assistants \(Arlington & Stanwood\)](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#).

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

UW Bothell/Cascadia College Campus Library is seeking a [Computer and Natural Sciences Research and Instruction Librarian](#) and a [Business and Data Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

The University of Washington Libraries is seeking a [Conservation Specialist](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Collection Maintenance Specialist](#) 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 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!

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Tools and Reference Services Survey

In May 2024 Greg Bem, Elena Bianco, Dawn Hawley, Kael Moffat, and Libby Sullivan co-designed a professional, unaffiliated survey to gather information on the current state of GenAI tools and reference services at Washington State academic libraries.

This survey will attempt to capture the state of using GenAI for supporting reference, and it touches on some other things as well regarding librarian preparedness with this technology and student interest in this technology. We hope you will consider filling out the survey.

If you have relevant colleagues who are not members of WLA, please consider sharing this with them as well—we are trying to cast a wide net! **This survey will be open until end of day on June 14th.** [Here is the survey link.](#)

Washington Digital Heritage Grants is open for applications

Washington Digital Heritage Grants provide up to \$15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote the creation and sharing of digital content documenting Washington's history. Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special

libraries for projects running through August 2025. **The 2024-2025 grants will be open for applications May 15, 2024 through July 1, 2024.** Anyone interested can submit a letter of interest for feedback before applying beginning May 1, 2024.

Learn more about this grant opportunity at <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/wdh/2024grants>.

Washington Digital Heritage Grants are funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth Now Accepting Applications

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Hanover, New Hampshire

August 4-10, 2024

The Tribal Leadership Academy (TLA) at Dartmouth College will provide a place for newly elected or appointed tribal governmental leaders to engage with each other and with experienced faculty presenters on governance matters of vital importance to tribal nations.

The Academy will convene during the week of August 4-10, 2024 and will allow up to 25 tribal government leaders to gather in Hanover, New Hampshire to consider best governance practices that are appropriate for their unique tribal nations, including

- Strategies for enhancing intergovernmental relations with state and federal government
- Stimulating their local reservation economies
- Managing reservation natural resources
- Improving the delivery and outcomes of health care systems
- Developing more effective systems of criminal justice within their tribal communities


The costs of travel and attendance will be covered by Dartmouth College. The review of applications will begin on May 1, 2024 and applicants will be notified of the status of their application by June 1, 2024.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

Association All-Stars: Volunteer Spotlight

The Washington Library Association will be taking the first and third Wednesdays of every month to recognize a WLA volunteer who goes above and beyond to help libraries and library workers!

This month's first 🌟 Association All-Star 🌟 goes to Muriel Wheatley, WLA's Board Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. Muriel has been an invaluable asset not only to the Finance Committee but to the entire organization. Join us in thanking her for the incredible time and effort she has dedicated to WLA!



ASSOCIATION ALL-STARS: VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Muriel Wheatley

Muriel is WLA's fabulous Finance Board Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. She is in her second term as WLA's Treasurer, but has been involved with WLA for quite some time! A wizard at spreadsheets and numbers, Muriel has assisted WLA with our annual budget review, updating our financial policies, and making sure WLA is always on track! Thank you Muriel for all of your hard work, time, and effort you put into our organization!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR WLA?

Volunteering with WLA has given me a big sense of connection with the larger library community. The creativity and passion of WLA's volunteers is inspiring and I love learning about the work that my fellow librarians are doing throughout the state. It's been such a joy to play a part in helping WLA support and celebrate all library workers!

THIS IS MY...

Current Read: *FUNNY STORY* by Emily Henry

Last Favorite Book: *A TALE FOR THE TIME BEING* by Ruth Ozeki

Next on TBR: *TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW* by Michelle Zauner

The graphic features a photo of Muriel Wheatley in a library, a decorative border with books and plants, and a small recycling icon.

Conference Bulletin

Registration is open for the 2024 Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference!

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 Open: Generative AI in Libraries (GAIL) Conference

Registration is now open for the inaugural Generative AI in Libraries (GAIL) Conference. This year's theme is *Prompt or Perish: Navigating Generative AI in Libraries*. GAIL is a free virtual conference aimed specifically at librarians that seeks to explore the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries. It is also an opportunity for librarians to share their experiences with generative AI technologies and their applications in the library setting.

Scheduled to take place June 11, 12, and 13, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 pm EDT each day, GAIL aims to promote a deeper understanding of how generative AI can revolutionize library services like instruction, research support, collection management, access services, outreach, and collaboration. The conference will also address the challenges and ethical considerations this new technology brings to libraries.

View more details and register on the [conference website here](#).

Registration for the AkLA + PNLA 2024 Conference is open!

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. Full session details will be available June 1st.

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 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 Learning Curve



ChatGPT + AI 2024 Bootcamp for Libraries and Librarians: Understanding and Harnessing the Power of Generative AI with Library 2.0's Steve Hargadon

This online bootcamp series is designed to equip librarians with a core understanding of generative AI and with the knowledge and skills that are needed to integrate ChatGPT and other tools into library programming and their personal and professional learning.

The three one-hour sessions will include Q&A time which may go beyond the hour. All sessions can be attended live, will be recorded, and will be available to participants with non-expiring access. [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

Registration will include the three live sessions and access to the session recordings.

SESSION 1

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 PM US-EASTERN TIME:

"The Basics: Understanding ChatGPT and Generative AI"

SESSION 2

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 PM US-EASTERN TIME:

"Enhancing Research and Information Literacy with ChatGPT"

SESSION 3

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 PM US-EASTERN TIME:

"ChatGPT for Personal, Professional, and Program Growth"

To Register:

DO NOT USE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE LIBRARY 2.0 SITE. YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THE COST OF REGISTRATION

1. For free registration, go to this form: <https://forms.gle/UiY39idi6H2JziEE6> and register. **This form is only for library staff in Washington State.** Please do not share it with other out of state libraries or folks not associated with a library.
2. You will receive a confirmation from that you are registered. Please check your spam folder if you don't receive your confirmation email right away. Emails come from library20email@gmail.com or admin@library20.com and the phrase "ChatGPT" seems to be triggering spam filtering in many cases. Please make sure the sender is marked as 'safe' so future emails do not end up in your spam folder For any registration difficulties or questions, email admin@library20.com.
3. You will receive a link to each session individually as well as a link to the recordings after each session.
4. After the third session you may be randomly chosen by WSL to receive a link to a survey about the training. This survey is very short but is important information that we use to decide on future trainings and for our annual report for our funder.

This training is brought to you by Washington State Library, a division of the Office of Secretary of State, and funded by IMLS through the LSTA Grants to States Program.

Camp Read-a-Rama Training, Saturday, June 15

WLA,

Read-a-Rama, a non-profit that uses children's literature as the springboard for all programming activities, is offering a training on **June 15, 2024 in Seattle (10-4:30 at Ballard First Lutheran Church)**. Join us for this fun-filled, interactive, bookish day of programming designed to help adults get kids *excited* about books and reading. Since 2009, Read-a-Rama has been offering 100% engagement programming in summer and during school breaks. If you want innovative ideas

for library programming you can use daily in your work, or if you'd like to offer Camp Read-a-Rama at your library or school in the future, this training is for you. [Visit the website for more information](#), and see the list below for the topics covered in the workshop. We hope to see you on June 15! For questions, email campreadarama@gmail.com.

Dr. Michelle H. Martin, Read-a-Rama Executive Director &
Beverly Cleary Professor for Children & Youth Services, UW iSchool

Topics Covered in the Workshop

Centering Books

- Critical analysis of picture book art
- Interactive read-aloud techniques
- Connecting books with interdisciplinary activities
- Creating rich book discussions that foster critical thinking
- Using diverse books to counter stereotypes
- Increasing cultural competence for “out of your comfort zone” programming
- Fostering relationships around books
- Encouraging agency in readers

Programming for 100% engagement

- Taking “100% Engagement” programming seriously
- Using songs & music for programming and transitions
- Managing mixed-age groups
- “Zipper” songs—creating new songs from familiar tunes
- Good chants and repeat songs for camp transitions
- Avoiding racist songs and songs with racist histories
- Building Camp Read-a-Rama programming around community engagement
- Online Read-a-Rama programming
- Planning field trips that continue 100% engagement
- Family literacy event programming

Providing a Safe and Welcoming Camp Environment

- Trauma-informed, Healing Centered Care Training
- The importance of equity in Camp Read-a-Rama programming
- Camper documents (paperwork, fliers, scheduling, etc.)
- Camp staff & Counselor-in-Training documents (training, safety, paperwork and learning resources, etc.)
- Site-Directors’ Manual
- Curriculum access



Our second Library 2.024 mini-conference: "**The Supportive Library: Helping Patrons Experiencing Homelessness**," will be held online (and for free) on **Thursday, June 20th, 2024, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm** US-Pacific Time.

This is a free event, being held live online and also recorded.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.

From a librarian's perspective, when we think of patrons experiencing homelessness, we automatically know and understand that they are an especially vulnerable population. We also know that to work in libraries is to be on the forefront of homelessness. However, while we are working directly with vulnerable patrons, many of us may not know how to help someone who is unhoused or who is experiencing food or other insecurities. We may not understand why they don't trust us, or why they are striking out angrily toward us. We may not know the mental challenges or trauma they are experiencing or the loneliness and isolation they are feeling. In turn, this can expose our own vulnerabilities.

What we do know is that there are many challenges for our vulnerable patrons. What can we do to help strengthen these patrons, knowing that this requires being emotionally vulnerable ourselves? How do we find the emotional strength and courage to be open and authentic? What can librarians provide? We can try to build strength with our homeless community members by recognizing and having compassion for their vulnerabilities as well as our own. From this we may foster empathy, and cultivate a greater sense of belonging within our libraries.

For this conference, we invite you to embrace vulnerability, share stories of helping vulnerable patrons, express how you have been vulnerable and needed support, and what it means to take risks and step outside of your comfort zone.

**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 Area SAVE THE DATE– Location TBD – [Registration will open once location is finalized](#)

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](#)



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