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May 1, 2024



WLA 2024 Spring Fundraiser

Online Silent Auction | May 8-31

We are excited to announce that we will be re-launching the [WLA Silent Auction](#), our 2024 Spring Fundraiser event. The online event, happening from May 8-31, offers everyone the chance to participate in bidding on specially curated items.

This initiative aims to raise funds for WLA, and we're thrilled to reintroduce this eagerly awaited event for this year!

Visit our [auction site](#) to view our items! We will continue adding items as they are donated, so make sure to check back often.

Questions? Contact info@wla.org.

Application opens Wednesday, May 1

2024-2025 WLA Scholarships

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



WLA Scholarships Open TODAY!

The application for 2024-2025 WLA Scholarships opens today, Wednesday, May 1 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



WLA Member Survey

In anticipation of the 2025 legislative session, we are looking to create a survey aimed at soliciting insights from potential candidates running for the positions of Governor, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Instruction (and potentially others). This survey will be designed to address library advocacy topics of importance to WLA members.

Our goal is to take the feedback from this WLA member advocacy form to create the survey for potential candidates. We will then invite candidates to a statewide town hall forum sometime this summer where attendees can hear their questions being answered.

The survey will take approx. 10-15 minutes to complete.

Please help us in completing this survey by end of day TODAY.

[Begin Survey](#)

**Please note: if the survey is not letting you move forward to the next section, you may have to change browsers and/or refresh the page. We recommend you save answers in another document in case this happens.*

We are grateful for your valuable input. Your time and effort in completing this survey are sincerely appreciated.



Only 2 more days to 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!



SCLD Presents: Olympic Library Leadership Incubator (OLLI)

The Washington Library Association School Library Division is excited to announce its first Olympic Library Leadership Incubator (OLLI) for current and pre-service teacher-librarians. Whether you are studying to begin your library career or have been working in libraries for a while, you are invited to join this group designed to supercharge your leadership skills. Recharge your practice, share your passions, and elevate your impact with librarian leaders from across the state.

Participants will:

- Earn up to 14 clock hours;
- Learn practical leadership skills to use in your building, district, and state;
- Network with other like-minded teacher-librarian leaders;
- Form partnerships and collaborate on WLA presentation proposals;
- Discover how to advocate for teacher-librarians within your capacity;
- Elevate the profile of school libraries by being at the forefront of legislative support;
- Tour the State Library and learn how it can support you, your staff, and your teachers.

OLLI's first session will take place Friday, July 26, 2024 in Tumwater, WA from 8:00-4:00. Subsequent sessions will be held virtually and at the 2025 WLA annual conference in Tacoma, April 10-12, 2025.

OLLI is made possible due to the [AASL ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant](#).

Please complete this [form](#) by **Wednesday, May 29** to apply. A limited number of travel stipends are available. Accepted applicants will be notified no later than Monday, June 3.

Questions? Email sarah.logan.wla@gmail.com.

Read the latest edition of *Alki* now!

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Alki The Library is a Growing Organism

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Read the Latest Edition of *Alki* Now!

[This issue](#) of *Alki* focuses on the wild potential of thinking of libraries as a “growing organism.” From adapting libraries in changing ecosystems to cultivating connections with patrons and allies to developing personally as librarians and people, this issue covers the varied ways libraries and the people who comprise them grow and thrive.

Inside [this issue](#), you will find articles on what it means to leave one’s home for the profession, how one library celebrated and supported first-generation students, what one regional academic library did to adapt to the COVID-19 and post-pandemic landscapes, and how to journal for reader’s advisory. You’ll also find recommendations for heartwarming translations and playful picks for National Poetry Month, as well as reflections on the growth libraries have sparked and the kind of growth they still need.



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 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.

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

WLA Mentoring Program Interest Form

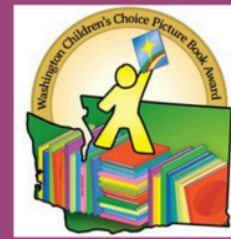
Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award Committee (WCCPBA) is looking for new members!

The WCCPA encourages sharing and teaching with a wide variety of picture books and is participated in by more than 100,000 kindergarten through third graders each year. Please visit the [WCCPBA home page](#) to learn more.

Members nominate and read nominees, attend and choose the list in an all-day meeting in March, create lesson plans, and do other tasks needed to run the committee and support librarians and teachers who use the award. We strive to make sure our committee is well rounded and include a diversity of voices, including culture, gender, geographic location and types of schools.

If you are passionate about sharing and teaching with picture books for kindergarten through third grader and would like to join the committee, please let the WLA office know of your interest by May 17th. The committee will reach out to all those interested by the end of May.

Voting Open for the 2024
Washington Children's Choice Picture Book
(WCCPBA) Award



Votes are due on **May 24, 2024!** Thank you for your vote!

How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- Use the nominee list: [WCCPBA Press Release](#) and [WCCPBA Summaries](#)
- Tell students about the award.
- Record votes.

**SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR VOTES ONLINE BY
[CLICKING HERE.](#)**

**HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS SHOULD SUBMIT
THEIR VOTES ONLINE BY [CLICKING HERE.](#)**

Votes must include all titles in alphabetical order (even if no student voted for a title) and the name of their school and the city or town of their school or library.

If you have any questions about voting or are unable to use the Google Form, please contact [Jolyn Danielson](#).

Voting Open for the
2024 Towner Award



Each spring, students in grade 2 through 6 in Washington State are invited to vote for their favorite Towner nominee if they have read or listened to a minimum of two titles. Student votes can be submitted by librarians only. Educators, make sure to vote for the Educators' Choice! This is your chance to share with others which book you found most useful with your students.

Votes for the 2024 award are due on **May 24, 2024!** Thank you for your vote!

How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- [Use the 2024 nominee list](#)
- Tell students about the award

- Record votes online by clicking [here](#)

If you have any questions about voting or are unable to use Google Docs, please contact [Lisa Steudel](#) or [Mary-Catherine McElroy](#).

Voting Open for the 2024 OTTER Award



How to Vote for the 2024 Award:

- [Use the 2024 nominee list](#)
- Tell students about the award
- Record votes in the [Otter Award Voting form](#).

The OTTER Award is for ALL students in grades K-5. We recognize that elementary children transition into chapter books at different ages and, as such, do not limit our voting to a specific age or grade level.

Voting is open now until Friday, May 24th.

The 2024 OTTER winner will be announced Monday, June 3rd!

Voting Open for the 2024 Sasquatch Award



Students choose their favorite book from a list of 12 nominees, selected by a committee comprised of Washington State school and public librarians. Students should read at least 2 of the books in order to vote. Each year the Sasquatch Award is presented to the author of the book that receives the most student votes.

Bethel School District is seeking two [Teacher Librarians](#).

You may view the 2024 nominees [here](#), then vote online [here](#).

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

[Materials Librarian, Full-Time Lecturer](#).
2025 Sasquatch nominees have also been announced! You may view the books [here](#).

Clark College Libraries is seeking a [Tenure-track Reference and Instruction Librarian](#).

Eastern Washington University is seeking an [Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Specialist](#).

Grays Harbor College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Library Regional Manager – Cascade Region](#) and a [Librarian & Information Services Manager – Cedar Region](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager V \(Kennewick\)](#).

Molalla (OR) Public Library is seeking a [Programming & Outreach Librarian for Adults & Teens](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) and an [Area Manager](#).

Olympic College is seeking an [Assistant Circulation Supervisor](#) and a [Library Adjunct Faculty](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Community Engagement Specialist](#), a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#), a [Public Services Assistant I](#), and a [Library Associate, Teen Services](#).

Spokane Community College is seeking an [Adjunct Reference Librarian](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Librarian II, Maker & Innovation Supervisor](#).


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

Timberland Regional Library is seeking a [Librarian/Public Services Specialist - Pacific County](#).

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](#).

Washington State Library is seeking 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.



Washington State Book Award Winner

Tae Keller

Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

May 3, 12:30 p.m.
online with Erika Miller
of The Seattle Public Library



WSBA Winner Tae Keller: Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

May 3, 12:30 p.m.

This Washington Center for the Book event will feature an online conversation between Tae Keller and librarian Erika Miller of The Seattle Public Library with a live Q&A for attendees.

Please register using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1NK-cG_BQvWsRX7C2Q4sRQ#/registration

Misinformation Media Literacy: Learning Resources for Public Libraries

The University of Washington's [Center for an Informed Public \(CIP\)](#) and [WebJunction](#) seek your input on the creation of a new online resource for community misinformation education designed especially for public libraries. If your public library is looking for learning aids to help people identify and navigate problematic information and improve their media literacy skills, **we invite you to participate in this interactive 1-hour session on May 9.**

Session will be open to ~50 U.S. public library participants. [More information and registration >>](#)

This session is hosted in partnership with the Center for Advances in Libraries, Museums, and Archives (CALMA), a new initiative of the [University of Washington Information School](#).

Washington Digital Heritage Grants open for applications May 15, 2024

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.

SDL 2024-2025 Renewal Announcement

The Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) project of the Washington State Library announces the annual renewal of the SDL package of Gale digital database resources for the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 subscription period. All WA non-profit public, academic, school, special, and government libraries are eligible to participate in this statewide cooperative purchase.

Pricing for the 2023-2024 renewal remains unchanged from the previous year. Renewal is automatic for academic, public, and special libraries, unless a [cancellation form](#) is received by the end of the renewal period (April 30, 2024). K-12 school districts, individual schools (public or private) and their libraries, renew through their respective [Educational Service Districts](#).

The SDL project is subsidized in part by federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funding provided by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Library Development Program of the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. Any questions or comments may be directed to the Cooperative Projects Librarian, [Jude Guzzy](#).

New participants are always welcome. The official renewal period runs through April 30, although new subscriptions will be accepted at any time. More information, including signup forms and other documents and links are available on the [SDL project's signup and renewal page](#).

Humanities Washington 2024-2025 Public Humanities Fellowship Open

The application for the [2024-2025 Public Humanities Fellowship has opened](#). This is a good fit for grad students as well as professors, culture-bearers, curators, non-profit professionals, and other folks with expertise in the humanities and in the early years of their careers.

Applicants propose a public-facing project, which they will plan and execute, if selected. **Full details are attached**, but the opportunity includes:

- A stipend of \$5000
- Up to \$3500 of funding for their project
- Publicity for their projects, guidance from experienced public humanities practitioners, and participation in a learning cohort focused on concrete skills in the public humanities.

Projects must serve a public audience in Washington, be free to access or attend, and be firmly rooted in the humanities. Applicants from communities historically underserved by the humanities are encouraged to apply.

The deadline to apply is **June 4, 2024**.

More details are available on the Humanities Washington [website](#), including an FAQ. Humanities Washington will also be holding an information session on April 25 at 1:30 pm ([register here](#)). For questions, reach out to Director of Programs at stone@humanities.org.

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.](#)

Conference Bulletin

ALSC National Institute 2024 – Professional Development Grant

Grant Applications Due *Monday, May 13th, 2024*

[More Grant Information Here](#)

Washington State Library (WSL) is offering a competitive grant open to public and tribal library staff in Washington State. A limited number of recipients will be selected to receive a grant for up to \$2,400 in allowable costs (see below) to attend the 2024 ALSC National Institute in Denver, CO. The conference is happening on September 19-21, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed and scored against the following demonstrated criteria: Financial and professional development need, community/patron impact, and plans for sharing the knowledge gained at the conference. WSL may also use geographic and demographic data in the decision-making process. Each individual should submit a separate application, even if multiple staff people from the same system are applying to attend. Each recipient is responsible for completing the required reports.

More information about the ALSC National Institute can be found [here](#).
Conference programs can be found [here](#).

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

Apply now for the [2024 WAML Diversity and Early Career Librarian Scholarships!](#)

The Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) is an independent association of map and geospatial librarians and other people with an interest in maps and geospatial librarianship. WAML is committed to actively encouraging diverse voices and new perspectives in the field of map and geospatial librarianship and within our organization.

WAML offers three scholarship opportunities in conjunction with the [2024 WAML Annual Meeting in University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM September 25-28](#).

[2024](#). Each scholarship includes an award of **\$750**, a one-year membership in WAML, free conference registration and the opportunity to present at the conference.

The application deadline is **May 31, 2024**. Please **apply via the [online application form](#)**.

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the results by **June 28, 2024**.

For more information on eligibility and the application process, visit <https://waml.org/scholarships/>.

Contact Jo-Ann Wong (Scholarship Committee Chair) at joannwong@nypl.org with questions about the program or application process.

Registration for the AkLA + PNLA 2024 Conference is open!

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.

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!

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

Statewide Database Training Opportunities!

In May, Gale Cengage is offering training that focuses on library resources available in the Statewide Database Licensing package for public, K-12, and academic libraries. Please use the links below to register:

For WSL: Gale Resources Overview: Empowering Washington State Public Libraries

Date and Time: May 21st at 11:00 AM -11:45 AM PT

Discover the wealth of Gale resources available through the Washington State Library in this comprehensive training session designed for public librarians. Gain insights into the diverse content and functionality of these resources. Explore the extensive collection of databases, e-books, multimedia, and more. Learn how to effectively navigate and utilize Gale resources to support research, enhance programming, and engage library patrons. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the full potential of Gale resources and elevate your library services. This session will be recorded.

Registration Link: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nSJQSUzRyK56yvTrDnHEQ

For WSL: Gale Resources Overview: Supporting Academic Librarians in Washington State

Date and Time: May 22nd at 10:00 AM -10:45 AM PT

Join us for a comprehensive training session designed for academic librarians, providing an overview of the extensive Gale resources available through the Washington State Library. Explore the wide range of content, including discipline-specific resources, and gain insights into the functionality of Gale resources. Learn how to effectively browse, search, and utilize these resources to support research, enhance instruction, and empower academic success. Don't miss this opportunity to optimize your library's offerings with Gale resources. This session will be recorded.

Registration Link: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A13tLN8WTU2Yd1UQ2Q56Hw

For WSL: Gale Resources Overview: Unleashing the Potential for K-12 Students

Date and Time: May 23rd at 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM PT

Unlock the power of Gale resources available from the Washington State Library in this comprehensive training session designed for school librarians. Explore the wealth of content, tools to support accessibility, and the functionality of Gale resources. Learn how to effectively utilize these resources to support research, foster literacy, and enhance learning outcomes. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your library services and provide valuable resources to support student success. This session will be recorded.

Registration Link: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DOuZ4Yw4SEmHdf6b9GsbsA

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest.

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



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