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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

May 15, 2024



WLA 2024 Spring Fundraiser

Online Silent Auction | May 8-31

Our silent auction is NOW LIVE!

Visit our [auction site](#) to view and bid on our items. From amazing virtual author visits to tickets to a Sounders game, there is something for everyone!

This initiative aims to raise funds for WLA, and we're thrilled to reintroduce this eagerly awaited event for this year! [Learn more about our spring fundraiser here.](#)

Questions? Contact info@wla.org.

This week's featured items:



\$120 gift certificate for 2 Seattle Arts & Lectures tickets



60-minute Virtual Book Party with Justina Chen



Signed picture book bundle by Kerri Kokias



30-minute Meet and Greet with Travis Baldree + Signed book

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



PBS Visions of America- Free Info Session

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and PBS Books have partnered together to produce "Visions of America: All Stories, All People, All Places," a digital-first series of videos and virtual conversations that explore the places, people, and stories that have contributed to the America we live in today. These episodes feature author Ada Ferrer, Wing Luke Museum director Joel Tan, Negro Baseball Leagues Museum President Bob Kendrick, attorney and author Walter Echo-Hawk, and many more! Visit www.visionsofamerica.org to learn about each episode.

Join PBS Books National Director Heather-Marie Montilla and Museum and Library Engagement Coordinator Mandi Harris at **12:30pm Pacific on Thursday, May 23rd** to learn how libraries can use these episodes and free digital resources such as music playlists, book lists, and discussion guides to host episode showings, have book clubs, and more!

This is a FREE info session and will be recorded! Register today for your spot and if you can't attend, register to receive access to the recording.

[Register Here!](#)



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.



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.

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



Look Who's Hiring

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.

Central Washington University Libraries is seeking an [Affordable Course Materials Librarian, Full-Time Lecturer](#).

Clark College Libraries is seeking a [Tenure-track Reference and Instruction Librarian](#). You may view the 2024 nominees [here](#), then vote online [here](#).

2025 Sasquatch nominees have also been announced! You may view the books King County Library System is seeking a [Library Regional Manager - Cascade Region](#) and a [Librarian & Information Services Manager - Cedar Region](#).

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](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#), a [Librarian, Adult Services](#) and an [Executive Director](#).

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.

News & Notes

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.

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.](#)

WLA Community Happenings

SRRT Meeting- Let's talk about Vocational Awe Nah!
May 28th 4-5pm

Join the Social Responsibilities Round Table on Tuesday, May 28th from 4-5pm in discussing the podcast, "The Limits of Vocational Awe," starring undergraduate success librarian, Fobazi Ettarh.

Ettarh coined "Vocational Awe" in her article, "[Vocational Awe and the Lies we Tell Ourselves](#)". Ettarh defines "Vocational Awe" as the "...set of ideas, values, and assumptions librarians have about themselves and the profession that result in notions that libraries as institutions are inherently good and sacred—and therefore beyond critique." Vocational Awe can lead to accepting poor work conditions, low pay, job creep, and lack of recognition. Listen in on the podcast then let's get together to discuss how we can say nah to Vocational Awe. Let's consider:

- What's your experience with Vocational Awe?
- Have you heard of Vocational Awe before?
- Ettarh mentions how siloing bolsters Vocational Awe; are you siloed at work? How do you break it up?
- What's one thing you can start doing today to combat Vocational Awe?

...or anything else you'd like to share with the group!

Podcast: <https://ideasonfire.net/98-fobazi-ettarh/>

SRRT Agenda/Minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-u7Drv64RkfjaGDh1geVrgBmYtOyG-BjqjbhdkbENH8/edit#heading=h.mazi8tqsuzoj>

Public Library Division Meeting
May 17th 9-10am

Hello Public Library Division! Our first virtual check-in of the year will be Friday, May 17th from 9-10am via Zoom.

We would love to hear from you all what Public Library related topics are important to you. Grab your morning beverage of choice and join us to connect with fellow public library workers!

Special Libraries Division Quarterly Meeting
May 22nd 3-4pm

Please join us for the next Special Libraries Division quarterly meeting to learn about our upcoming in-person meetups, activities, and special guest speakers!

You may find all Zoom meeting links on the WLA member's calendar

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.

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 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!

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](#))

The Learning Curve

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

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



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