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**November 27, 2024**

*The WLA Office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. The office will reopen Monday, December 2. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday!*



### **2025 WLA Pawsident**

Do you have a pet who loves watching you read? Do they try to attend your online library-related meetings? Do they inspect your tote bag after every library trip you make? If so, your pet probably loves libraries! That's already worth celebrating—give yourself (or your pet) a pat on the back. But why stop there? WLA is hosting a "Pawsidental" election fundraiser, and we'd love for you to nominate your furry friend! **Nominations close THIS Friday, Nov. 29.**

The [pawsident election](#) is part of our ongoing #SupportWALibraries fundraising, which assists with WLA scholarships, member services, and more!

Nominate here!



### #WLA2025 Now Accepting Program Proposals!

The #WLA2025 program RFP is now open. On behalf of the conference committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal.

Our 2025 conference theme, *Building Bridges & Connecting Communities*, invites you to explore the many ways libraries and library workers can bridge divides, connect individuals to valuable resources, and strengthen ties within their communities.

Join us in **Tacoma, April 10-12, 2025**, to connect with fellow library professionals and work together to build a brighter future for libraries in Washington and beyond!

Programs relevant to all kinds of libraries are sought. Additionally:

- Pre/Post-Conference Workshops are either 3 or 4 hours in length, or all day.
- Standard conference sessions are either 45 or 75 minutes in length.
- "WLA After Dark" sessions are 45-minute evening programs that are more fun or provocative than our standard fare.
- Lightning Talks are 10-minute presentations that focus on a concept, project, or how-to.

As you collect your proposal information, you may wish to refer to a preview of all questions here: <https://tinyurl.com/yef79uwm>.

Submit Your Proposal Here!

Due to the number of proposals received, not all will be accepted. In some cases, strong proposals covering similar topics may be asked to combine into one program to provide varying perspectives on the topic and to ensure that we have room on the schedule for diverse offerings. Program Coordinators may suggest alternative presentation opportunities, such as panel discussions, lightning talks,

or poster sessions, to allow for as much engagement and collaboration as possible at the conference.

Proposals are due no later than **December 4**.

Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by **January 10, 2025**.



### **THANK YOU for attending the WLA Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit this past Saturday! Each session was filled with insightful, thought-provoking discussions, and we hope attendees left with fresh ideas and actionable strategies to implement in their spaces.

We'd like to give a huge round of applause to our incredible speakers! Your dedication and expertise truly made this event unforgettable—we couldn't have asked for a more exceptional lineup.

Missed out? Don't worry! It's not too late to register. Recordings, transcripts, and materials will be available in your confirmation email, so you can still catch all the amazing content for up to a year.

[Register Here!](#)



### **Accepting WLA Merit Award Nominations Dec. 4!**

The WLA 2025 Merit Awards nomination form opens next Wednesday, Dec. 4!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries.

Library workers at all levels and in all types of libraries are eligible! Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members. Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!

Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information.

## Look Who's Hiring

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager](#).

King County Library Systems is seeking a [Children's Services Coordinator](#) and a [World Languages Cataloging Librarian](#) (closes Dec. 5).

NCW Libraries is seeking multiple [Bilingual Branch Librarians](#).

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

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

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Circulation and Systems Librarian](#).

Whitman County Rural Library District is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

*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.*

*Have news to share? 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 graphics, as well as the blurb you would like posted in our newsletter.*

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