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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

October 16, 2024



2025 WLA Elections

**The votes are in!**



*Incoming WLA leaders*

### Announcing the 2025 WLA Election Winners!

The polls have closed for the [2025 WLA Elections](#), and we have a fantastic group of incoming leaders. Thank you to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted. Let's give a warm WLA welcome to the newly elected 2025 leaders!

In addition, the proposed WLA individual membership rates restructure was Approved, for implementation beginning Jan. 2025. Please stay tuned while the office navigates this transition.

### Incoming Board Leaders

- Vice President/President-Elect: **Eryn Duffee**
- Treasurer: **Rob Mead**
- ALA Councilor: **Gavin Downing**
- Board Director, Academic Library Division: **Lydia Bello**
- Board Director, Special Library Division: **Shawn Schollmeyer**

- Student Representative to the Board: **Ellen Perleberg**

### Incoming Division Leaders

- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#)
  - Chair: **Greg Bem**
- [Public Library Division](#)
  - Chair: **Erin Atwater**
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Jessica Widmer**
  - Secretary/Communications: **Poppy Louthan**
- [School Library Division](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Erin O'Connor**
  - Secretary/Communications: **Mia Roberts**
- [Special Library Division](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Nina Karagounis**

### Incoming Section Leaders

- [CAYAS](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Sara White**
- [CLAWS](#)
  - Co-Chairs: **Linda Keys & Heather Newcomer**
- [IFS](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Keyth Sokol**
- [WALT](#)
  - Chair: **Anja Johnson**
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Sara Lena Jensen**

New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2025. Thank you, again, to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted.

Didn't have a chance to run in the elections, but still interested in a [leadership position](#)? Contact the Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) for more information on how to get involved.



## Register for the 2024 Summit Today!

The Washington State Library is excited to provide **statewide access** for the WLA Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit. With this all-access pass, library staff from **any** kind of library in Washington from *all* levels, roles, and career stages can attend the day-long virtual event courtesy of the Washington State Library. Ask your library's leadership for the Washington Registration Code, or contact Brianna Hoffman at the State Library at [brianna.hoffman@sos.wa.gov](mailto:brianna.hoffman@sos.wa.gov) to receive the code.

**WLA and WSL will work together to make clock hours for Washington folks available for as many sessions as possible.**

Register Here!

The virtual [Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit](#) will offer 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.**

Have questions? Please contact [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) to learn more.



**October 19: Freedom to Read Community Day of Action!**

We need your help! Join thousands of readers across the country for the #FreedomToRead Community Day of Action on Saturday, October 19.

Libraries and bookstores nationwide are hosting events to unite against book bans. Find an event near you, discover programming ideas for your library, and access toolkits to get the word out at [uniteagainstbookbans.org/dayofaction](https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/dayofaction).

Here in Washington, tie your Freedom to Read activities with [Washington Reads Freely](#), a project celebrating the freedom to read. A partnership of Washington State Library, Humanities Washington, and the Washington Center for the Book, library patrons and the general public are encouraged share their stories of what reading freely means to them.

Discover [stories being shared](#) by Washington readers and consider rocking your support with some [WA Reads Freely swag](#) in the WLA store.



Libraries serve as invaluable hubs in Washington State communities, providing access to information, resources, and educational opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. However, like many essential institutions, libraries face a myriad of challenges and opportunities for improvement.

WLA asked all statewide general election candidates to complete a survey to address the concerns of library professionals and the broader library community in our state. This survey created by the WLA Legislative and Advocacy Committees aimed to gather candidates' perspectives on key issues affecting libraries and to explore how they envisioned addressing these concerns if elected to office.

Check out the [2024 Candidate Survey webpage](#) to view responses to increase your awareness and education on candidate positions that may have an impact on your local communities.

**Alki**

The Washington Library  
Association Journal

**Call for Fall 2024 Papers**

**“Library in Community”**



## ***Alki* Call for Papers: *Library in Community***

The winter issue of *Alki* will explore the theme “**Library in Community.**” We are seeking pieces that consider the role libraries play within their communities or institutions, beyond the doors of their domain. How does your library fit into and work with the larger community/institution? What role does your library play in other institutions or the overall infrastructure? How does it impact the lives of its patrons beyond its services?

Possible topics might include:

- Your library’s community and context: how does your library engage with the broader community?
- Getting involved in community work and working with community feedback
- Libraries in local, state, and federal politics and policy, including the 2024 election
- Consortium libraries and other library networks
- Your libraries’ place in the larger community/institutional infrastructure
- How libraries better the lives of their constituents
- How libraries build networks of solidarity within and beyond the institution
- The library’s role in advocacy, resilience, and resistance

As always, 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](mailto: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](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) **by Tuesday, Oct. 29.**

For inspiration, [check out past issues of \*Alki\*](#).



**Applications Open for WLA *Alki* Editor-in-Chief**

WLA is seeking an Editor-in-Chief for the [Alki Journal](#), an online publication. A minimum two-year commitment is requested, and the position will begin by January 2025. The Editor-in-Chief receives a \$3,600 annual stipend to be delivered in three equal installments, plus approved expenses. The Editor-in-Chief must have previous library experience and must be a member of WLA.

More information about the position can be found in the [Alki Editor-in-Chief Application](#), which is open through **Friday, Nov. 8**. Thank you for sharing this opportunity far and wide within your professional network!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).



## Interest Form Now Open for WLA 2025 Committees

Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we are looking for dedicated members like you to join a committee! Our committee interest form is now open, and we'd love for you to get involved. This is a great opportunity to contribute your skills, connect with fellow professionals, and help shape the future of WLA.

Committee members should:

- Participate in monthly online meetings (year-round) and periodic email discussions
- Have an interest in or previous experience with the focus area of the committee

- Be a WLA Member

### WLA Community Happenings

Please visit our [committee interest form](#) for more information! We ask that you



### ALA Chapter Chats: Drop-In Hours with ALA Councilor Steven Bailey

*Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m. | [Link in member's calendar](#)  
Questions? Email Steven at: [sbailey@kcls.org](mailto:sbailey@kcls.org)*

Join ALA Councilor Steven Bailey for ALA Chapter Chats, where you can bring any questions or concerns you may have regarding all things ALA! Please use the [link in the member calendar](#), which will require your WLA log-in information, to drop in between 1-2pm this afternoon.

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## Public Library Division Survey

The Public Library Division team has written a brief survey to learn more about your goals, interests, availability, and interest in WLA. This will help guide the division through the end of 2024 and support the newly elected team in 2025 as they plan out the year.

Do you want to find out how to advocate for your library, talk with fellow library colleagues about community partnerships, or just want more evening online library get-togethers? Let us know what you want to see in future offerings!

[Click here](#) or copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the survey on Google Forms:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0-hilQzigpEh2r2rvow7g8\\_ZvNKfVBe-cFFytIkx1NFznlQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0-hilQzigpEh2r2rvow7g8_ZvNKfVBe-cFFytIkx1NFznlQ/viewform)

**The survey will close this Friday, October 18th.**

Please reach out to Jannah Minnix at [jminnix@sno-isle.org](mailto:jminnix@sno-isle.org) with any questions.

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# 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

# OCTOBER 22, 2-3PM



WASHINGTON LIBRARY  
**TRAINERS**

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO  
THE WALT EMAIL GROUP  
DAY-OF, OR CONTACT  
MAGGIEMAE.NASE@WCLS.ORG

### WALT Round Table Check-in October 22

Join the next WALT section meeting on October 22 from 2-3pm. You may find the Zoom meeting link on the [WLA member calendar](#), which will require your WLA log-in.

Please email WALT Chair [Maggie Mae Nase](#) if you have any questions!

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# NATIONAL Friends OF Libraries WEEK

OCTOBER 20-26, 2024

AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

## Celebrate with us!

**Join WA Friends of the Library groups at 4-5 pm on Tues Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

for online discussion and idea-sharing supported by the WA State Library and WA Library Association WLFFTA.

Email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) for link to join the celebration.

### Celebrate Washington's Amazing Library Friends!

Join other WA Friends of the Library supporters at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22 for an hour-long discussion and idea-sharing session to mark [National Friends of the Library Week](#). Email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) for a link to join the celebration online!

### Look Who's Hiring

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager](#).es group (WLFFTA) and the WA State Library encourage your library Friends group to use [King County Library System](#) to seek a [Branch Manager](#). [Have made a](#) [child to gain support from a](#) network of others working on behalf of libraries across the state.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian](#).

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

- [Social Responsibilities Round Table \(SRRT\)](#)

North Olympic Library System is seeking an [Outreach Library Manager](#) and a [Port Angeles Library Manager](#).

- October 22nd @ 4pm

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences is seeking an [Education and Reference Librarian](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#).

Skagit Valley College is seeking an [Associate Dean of](#) [Arts and Sciences](#). [Learn more at:](#)

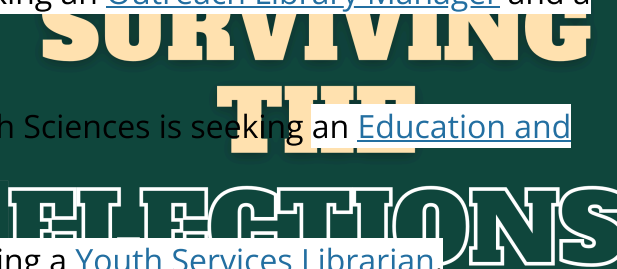
<https://www.wla.org/srrt>

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking [Library Associates, Part-Time](#) (closes Oct. 18).

### SRRT October 22nd @4pm & November 19th @4pm Meetings

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Deputy Director](#) (closes Oct. 30).

The Social Responsibilities Round Table will be holding space on October 22nd &





Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors](#) (Successful candidates will be notified by email on November 3).  
and a [Library Manager](#) (closes Nov. 3).  
colleagues across the state to brainstorm new ways of service or share your challenges in our brave space.

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

All WLA Meeting Zoom links are available on the [WLA Member calendar](#).

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

# CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Winners!



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
**CENTER FOR THE BOOK**  
WASHINGTON AFFILIATE



WASHINGTON  
Secretary of State  
Washington State Library



## Congratulations to the 2024 Washington State Book Award winners!

### King County Library System to host a series of fall author events

[King County Library System](#) (KCLS) invites community members to attend a series of inspiring and educational upcoming author events.

Visit [kcls.org/authorevents](https://kcls.org/authorevents) for more information.

#### [Author Voices with Waubgeshig Rice](#)

**Tuesday, November 12, 7:30–8:30 p.m.**

#### Online

Join a discussion with Waubgeshig Rice, bestselling author and journalist from Wasauksing First Nation on Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada. Rice's new novel, "[Moon of the Turning Leaves](#)" is an exhilarating return to the world first explored in the phenomenal breakout bestseller, "[Moon of the Crusted Snow](#)." It is a brooding story of survival, resilience, Indigenous identity and rebirth.



## [Author Voices with Meredith Maran](#)

**Thursday, November 14, 5:30–6:30 p.m.**

### **Online**

Meredith Maran, award-winning author, keynote speaker, and regular contributor to The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and O Magazine, will dig into her book "[The New Old Me](#)." Maran's post-divorce memoir explores her experience starting over at 60 — in youth-obsessed, beauty-obsessed Hollywood.

**Media Contact:** Sarah Thomas, [sjthomas@kcls.org](mailto:sjthomas@kcls.org), 425.369.3277

**Additional Resources:** Find author headshots and book covers [here](#).

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### **2024 Inland InfoLit Event: Call for Proposals**

Inland InfoLit returns at [The Hive](#) in Spokane on Nov. 22 from 9 am-4 pm! The theme of the event is Artificial Intelligence (AI).

**What is Inland InfoLit?** Inland InfoLit is a local consortium of professional educators dedicated to promoting information literacy across the curriculum. Our members are composition and writing center faculty, administrators, and librarians from Inland Northwest colleges and universities. Our mission is to facilitate collaboration and dialogue about information literacy and critical thinking and their applications in teaching writing. We are dedicated to infusing information literacy across the curriculum.

Please visit the [new Inland InfoLit website](#) for more information about the event. **Registration will open soon.**

We are seeking proposals for this one-day event. Please read our [official announcement](#) and **consider submitting a proposal!** The deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, October 18th.

Please contact [Greg Bem](#) if you have any questions.

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### **2024 Rural Library Network eSummit: Call for Proposals**

The purpose of the Partners for Rural Impact Rural Library Network eSummit is to celebrate the work by rural libraries in the community, connect and convene rural library professionals committed to moving outcomes for rural children and families, provide an opportunity for rural library professionals to network and share best and promising practices, and drive resources and opportunities to rural communities through libraries.

The theme for the 2024 Rural Library Network eSummit is "**Books Count: Eliminating Book Deserts in Rural Places**" and various tracks may focus on

youth services/programs, family engagement, community engagement, health and wellbeing, bookmobiles, funding opportunities, advocacy, grant writing, etc. will enhance the experience for the attendee. Rural Library Network seeks proposals for interactive and engaging breakout educational sessions, roundtables, and/or panels that addresses these topics.

### **Proposal Selection Process**

Proposals to be considered for presentation at the Rural Library Network eSummit must be submitted on the form, [2024 Rural Library Network eSummit "Call for Proposals"](#). Also, please register for the eSummit [here](#).

Each proposal must be related to the theme and one of the topics above. You may suggest a new topic and connect it to the theme. Each proposal should also reference rural libraries and rural communities.

### **Breakout Session Presentations**

The Breakout Sessions are designed to serve as a 60-minute information sharing, skills-building, and celebration sessions. Each breakout session should plan to have at least 10 minutes dedicated to an attendee Q&A segment.

The review of proposals will begin Oct. 1 until ten different breakout sessions are selected; The plan is to **complete the review process by Oct. 30**.

Please contact [Regina Washington](#) if you have any questions.

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### **2025 ALA LIRT Awards**

The ALA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) welcomes your submissions for two awards created to recognize excellence in information literacy and instruction.

- The **LIRT Librarian Recognition Award** honors a practicing librarian for their contributions to information literacy and instruction.
- The **LIRT Innovation in Instruction Award** honors a library for their innovative approach to information literacy and instruction.

Submissions from all types of libraries (public, school, special, academic) are encouraged. Winners will receive a \$1,000 award, a plaque, and a \$500 stipend to be used to attend the 2025 ALA Annual Conference.

Submissions will be accepted until **Jan. 15, 2025**. For full details on how to apply for these awards or to nominate someone to receive them, please see the LIRT Awards site (<http://www.ala.org/rt/lirt/awards>).

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**Attend the Youth Services Critical Conversations Club!**

Third Thursdays (Sept. 2024-May 2025): 2-3 p.m.

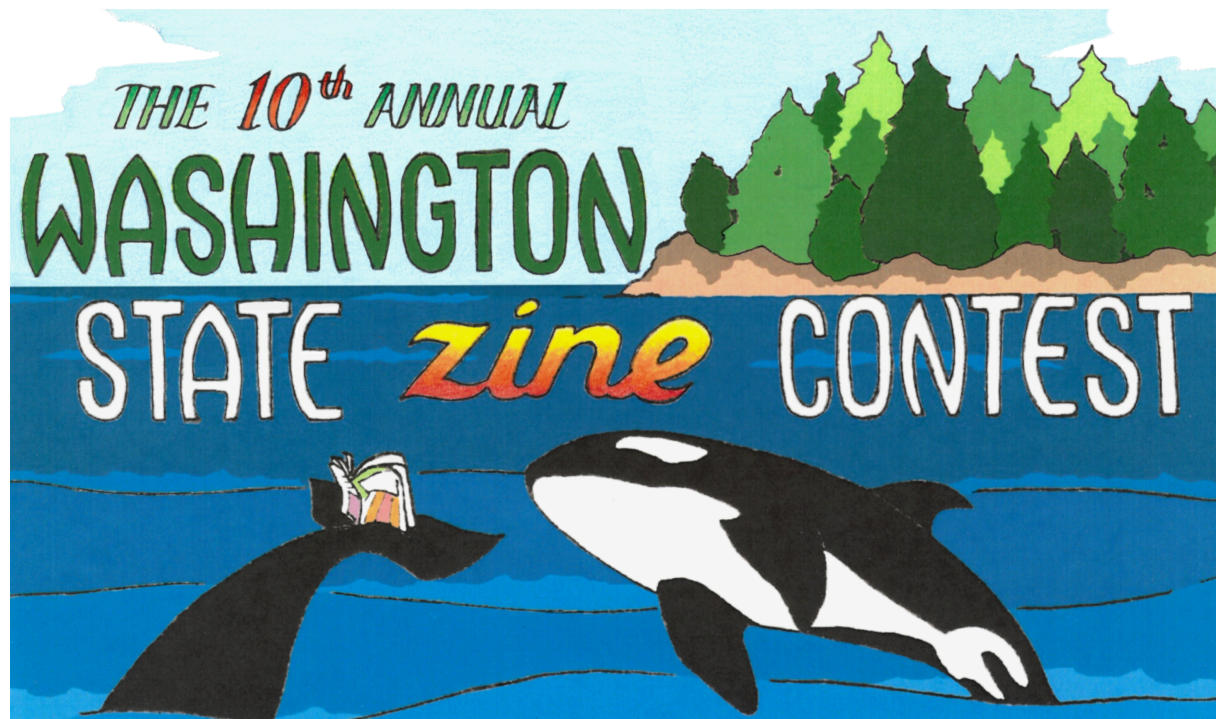
[More Information and Registration Here](#)

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.*



[The 10th Annual Washington State Zine Contest is now open!](#)

You can find downloadable posters and double-sided entry forms and submission guidelines to share with your community at the [Washington Center for the Book website](#).

If you have questions or want to share zine programming you are doing in your library, please email Sara Peté at [sara.pete@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.pete@sos.wa.gov).

Thank you to Tien Triggs, WLA's Special Library Division Vice Chair and Advocacy Committee Chair, for this year's beautiful poster design!

## Grant Opportunities

### [2024–2025 PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentives](#)

- PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T is designed to foster public library adoption of 8 core DigitalLearn basic topics.
- [DigitalLearn](#) is a free platform focused on providing basic digital skill resources. Content is available as [self-paced modules](#) and [workshop materials](#). Please note, incentive requirements can only be met through conducting workshops, not the self-paced modules.
- AT&T and PLA are pleased to offer this opportunity for the third consecutive year. This incentive is part of AT&T's Connected Learning initiative and AT&T's \$5 billion commitment to addressing the digital divide through investments in internet accessibility, affordability, and the safe adoption of technology. Materials are available in both English and Spanish. DigitalLearn courses and materials are free to use.

*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

### **Generative AI in Libraries (GAIL) 2024 Recordings Available**

The 2024 GAIL Conference Committee has generously shared their session recordings with WLA.

Please visit the [Archives section](#) for a list of recorded sessions and materials.

You may also view them [directly on YouTube here](#).

Please note that not all sessions were recorded, including the opening and closing remarks.

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## **Institute for Research Design in Librarianship (IRDL) Online Research Conference**

SAVE THE DATE: Nov. 18-19, 2024

The IRDL Online Research Conference will showcase some of the most creative thinking in research methods geared for the 21st century librarian. The conference is the first research methods-focused conference of its kind in the United States and will offer a friendly and inclusive environment to increase participants' understanding of methodologies and research in practice. During an engaging two days, participants will have opportunities to share their current research, reflect on research challenges and enjoy a variety of presentations and hands on practice sessions with some of the most inventive researchers in the field.

The conference is designed to foster a sense of community and promote research collaboration. Its purpose is to facilitate discussions of new perspectives, experiences, and innovations in library research design and methodologies.

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

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Teaching Media Literacy in a K-12 Environment**

This two-day in-person event October 22-23 introduces K-12 teachers and librarians to the basics of media literacy, and how to integrate it into their daily lessons. Lesley James from OSPI will also be Zooming in to talk about the standards revision that includes media literacy!

On day one educators will learn about mis, dis, and malinformation, including how AI contributes to this problem. Participants will be immersed in escape room-inspired challenges, and complete a UDL choice board.

On day two participants will explore current published media literacy curriculums and upcoming OSPI standards revision. Participants will spend the majority of the



day immersed in their curriculum, collaborating in grade bands and/or content areas to marry the lessons they already present and media literacy learning.

Please [visit the session's website](#) for more information and to register!

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### **Quest for Career Success: A Library Training Campaign**

The Washington State Library is excited to announce a new training series opportunity for you and your staff. Embark on an epic quest with the Quest for Career Success series, where library staff become the ultimate career guides in a role-playing adventure for job seekers! Equip yourself with powerful strategies and magical tools to help patrons level up their career skills and achieve their professional goals. Ready your gear, gather your party, and join us on this heroic journey to transform your library into a legendary career hub!

The first two campaigns are live and ready for you and your staff to register! Please click on each campaign for more information.

#### **[Certification Conqueror: Mastering Skill Certification Support in Your Library](#)**

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 12:30-1:00pm | Online

In this training adventure, library staff will become seasoned guides in helping patrons prepare for a job change. This 30 minute session will be recorded, and attendees who attend live or watch the recording by Dec. 1 are eligible to win TTRPG-themed raffle prizes!

#### **[Career Coach Quest: Mastering the Art of Personalized Career Guidance](#)**

Tuesday, Nov. 19 | 12:30-1:00pm | Online

Embark on a transformative journey with the Career Coach Quest module of the Quest for Career Success series! Whether you're a job help hero or a seasoned career coach, this session will cast a confidence spell on you to provide tailored, strategic guidance to patrons. This 30 min session will be recorded and live attendees and those who watch the recording by January 1st are eligible to win TTRPG-themed raffle prizes!



Please contact Brianna Hoffman ([brianna.hoffman@sos.wa.gov](mailto:brianna.hoffman@sos.wa.gov)) or Joyce Abbott ([joyce.abbott@sos.wa.gov](mailto:joyce.abbott@sos.wa.gov)) with any questions.

## SPENCER G. SHAW ENDOWED LECTURE SERIES



# CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

Oct. 24, 2024 • University of Washington HUB

### Meet #1 New York Times bestselling author & illustrator Christian Robinson!

The University of Washington iSchool is excited to invite you to an [evening with Christian Robinson](#), the acclaimed illustrator, author, and animator who will be their 2024 speaker for the Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture Series.

[Join UW on October 24 at 7:30 p.m.](#) for a special hybrid event—their first in-person Shaw Lecture since 2019—in which Christian Robinson will share insights into his creative process and the stories behind his beloved illustrations. An interactive Q&A session and book signing reception will follow.

*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.*

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



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