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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

October 2, 2024

A promotional banner for the 2024 Summit. On the left is a logo for 'BIBLIOTHERAPY IN LIBRARIES SUMMIT' with the tagline 'Healing Through Story' and the date '11.16.2024 • Online'. To the right are two speaker portraits: John Schu, labeled 'Keynote Speaker', and Emely Rumble, labeled 'Intro to Bibliotherapy'. The background features a dark green color with white line-art icons of books and a mountain range.

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 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 to learn more.



2025 Elections Voting Now Open!

Online voting is open for the 2025 WLA Elections cycle! Visit the [elections homepage](#) to view candidate statements and to cast your vote. Make sure to review and vote on the WLA membership rates restructure proposal at the end of the voting form!

Cast your votes here!

2025 Elections Timeline

- **Wednesday, Sept. 18** — Nominations due date
- **Wednesday, Sept. 25** — Online voting opens
- **Friday, Oct. 11** — Online voting closes
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16** — Election winners announced

Thank you for participating in this important process! If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Mentors Needed! - WLA 2024-2025 Mentorship Program

The deadline to join the WLA Mentorship Program as a mentor has been extended to this **Friday, Oct. 4!** Are you a library worker who wants to grow your skills and network with other professionals? Do you have experience and insights to share with your peers? We invite you to join our community as a mentor!

You can learn more about the [mentorship program](#) in the most recent issue of *Alk!* If interested, please fill out a quick application at wla.org/mentoring.

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



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.

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.

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.

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, Oct. 29.**

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

Alki

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Seeking New Editor!

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.

WLA Community Happenings

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

Come celebrate the best in kids' nonfiction books
at **Towner Award Day** at the
Washington State History Museum in Tacoma
on **Saturday, October 5th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!**

- Read alouds
- Activities and crafts from the books
- And more!

All activities included free with museum admission!

2025 Towner Award-nominated books



WA State Historical Society: Discover the 2025 Towner Award Nominees

[Towner Award Day](#) at the Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma is coming up this **Saturday, Oct. 5** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m!** Washington librarians (and their families!), come celebrate the best in nonfiction picture books for grades 2-6 and learn how your students can help pick the winner of the 2025 Towner Award in May! You can also see the choice boards Towner Award Committee members created to make teaching these fabulous books even easier! The event is free with admission to the museum.

Please visit the [Family Saturdays webpage](#) for more information!



Join WA Friends of the Library groups at 4-5 pm on Tues Oct 22nd
for online discussion and idea-sharing supported by
the WA State Library and WA Library Association WLFFTA.
Email 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 for a link to join the celebration online!

Both WLA's WA Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees & Advocates group (WLFFTA) and the WA State Library encourage your library Friends group to use this occasion to gather locally to discuss and share the positive role their efforts have made, as well as to gain support from a network of others working on behalf of libraries across the state.

Look Who's Hiring

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Cataloging Specialist](#) (closes Oct. 11).

Community Colleges of Spokane is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#).

Evergreen State College is seeking a [Library and Archival Professional 3](#).

King County Library Systems is seeking a [Librarian Services Manager – Multiple Locations](#) and a [Children’s Services Coordinator](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Library Assistant](#) (part-time).

NCW Libraries is seeking multiple [Bilingual Branch Librarians](#), [Library Assistants](#), [Branch Librarians MLS/MLIS](#), and an [Operations Supervisor](#).

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

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

Skagit Valley College is seeking an [Associate Dean of Academic Affairs - Arts and Sciences](#).

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

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors \(Olympia\)](#), [Library Assistants](#), and a [Library Manager](#).

The 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Winners!



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CENTER FOR THE BOOK
WASHINGTON AFFILIATE



WASHINGTON
Secretary of State
Washington State Library



Congratulations to the 2024 Washington State Book Award winners!



Latinx Kidlit Book Festival

Join the 2024 [Latinx Kidlit Book Festival](https://www.latinxkidlitbookfestival.com) LIVE Oct. 11 from your classroom, library or home for FESTIVAL FRIDAYS!

More resources for Educators specifically here: <https://www.latinxkidlitbookfestival.com/education>.

The Washington Center for the Book is proud to be an ongoing Community Partner for this event.

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.

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>).

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.

Grant Opportunitites

[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 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.

Clock Hours Available for OR Association of School Librarian Conference

Are you attending the Oregon Association of School Librarians conference on Saturday, October 5th at Grant High School in Portland?

Would you like to earn clock hours for your attendance? You can!

Step 1: [Register for OASL](#).

Step 2: [Register for clock hours](#).

Step 3: Attend OASL on Oct. 5th and learn stuff.

Step 4: Connect with [Sarah Logan](#) at the conference to sign the attendance verification form.

Step 5: Claim your clock hours!

Step 6: ????

Step 7: World domination

Questions? Contact [Sarah Logan!](#)

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

WSL x Gale Cengage: Free Training Sessions

The Washington State Library and Gale Cengage are pleased to announce fall Gale database training to support the important work of educating students. Whether kindergartners, savvy college kids, or life-long learners, Gale databases are great information resources to support learning in Washington State.

Gale will be offering four fall sessions in October. Please visit the corresponding links for more information and to register!

Elevating Higher Education: Harnessing the Power of Gale Resources

Date and Time: Thursday, October 3rd at 10:00 am-10:45am PT

WSL Link: <https://cengage->

[gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/8117243513902/WN_Uttu0ixPTX6IniMVW3pPHg](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/8117243513902/WN_Uttu0ixPTX6IniMVW3pPHg)

Discover the Power of Gale Resources: Supporting K-12 Students in Public Libraries

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00-10:45 am PT

WSL Registration Link: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/3417249565052/WN_FojttuP0TmCs4km5LVIRoA

Register now and discover the power of Gale resources!

Teaching Media Literacy in a K-12 Environment

This 2 day in-person event on 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 1 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 2 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!



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) or Joyce Abbott (joyce.abbott@sos.wa.gov) with any questions.

Register: www.outdoorlearningstore.com/4-seasons DISCOUNT CODE: 4SEASONS10%

10% discount for our members!

4 SEASONS OF Indigenous Learning
A PERSONAL JOURNEY
TOWARDS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Shelly Boyd, LaRae Wiley, Jo Chrona, Dr. Gregory Cajete, Richard Van Camp, Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, Christi Belcourt, Sasha Eugene, Micaela Iron Shell-Dominguez, Renée Chacon, Launa Payne, Sherrelle Anderson

The banner features a central circular logo with a sunburst and a person holding a flag. The background includes a stylized bird and a person holding a flag. The names of the speakers are listed in orange boxes below their circular portraits.

Register for the 4 Seasons of Indigenous Training Today!

Beginning at the end of October and running until the end of May, this course is offered in partnership with over 50 non-profit organizations. It serves to support participants in deepening their understanding of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives while strengthening connections with the local Land and supporting more respectful, reciprocal relationships.

Attendees may use discount code: **4SEASONS10%** to receive 10% off the total. [Learn more and register here!](#) Outdoor Learning School & Store also offers a variety of free workshops, which you can find [here](#).

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.

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