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WLA WEDNESDAY

October 23, 2024



#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.

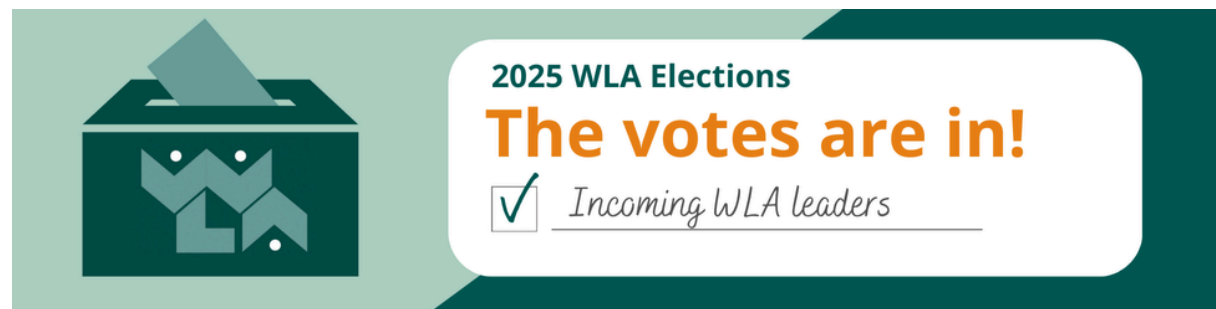
As you collect your proposal information, you may wish to refer to a preview of all questions here: <https://tinyurl.com/yef79uwm>.

[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, 2024**.

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



2025 WLA Election results are in!

Thank you to all WLA Members who participated in voting! Visit our [Elections page](#) to view the results for new Board, Division, and Section leadership, as well as the proposed rates restructure for individual WLA members, beginning in Jan. 2025.

Didn't have a chance to run in the elections, but still interested in a [leadership position](#)? Contact the Office at 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 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.



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 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.](#)



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.



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 please complete this form by Friday, November 8.

WLA Association All-Stars: Volunteer Spotlight

There will be a committee member orientation on Friday, December 6 from 3:30-4:30pm. A Zoom link will be sent ahead of the meeting. Thank you!



Association All-Stars: Volunteer Spotlight

Tien Triggs

Tien is an exceptional leader within WLA, serving as both the chair of the Advocacy Committee and the vice-chair of the Special Library Division. Her involvement in the association has been nothing short of stellar, and she consistently goes above and beyond in her volunteer efforts, including her contributions in updating the advocacy webpages. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Tien is also one of the kindest and most genuine people you'll ever meet. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our WLA community!

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Getting others involved! I have met so many incredible people through WLA, and I know so many extraordinary people who are not yet members and should be. The WLA can be such a great resource and a wonderful community for anyone who works in Washington libraries. There's a place for everyone and an opportunity to do more if you're looking for it!

THIS IS MY...

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Next on TBR: *The Snow Child*

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Current Read: My current read is a weird one, *Poison: Sinister Species with Deadly Consequences* by Mark Siddall. I'm currently on the section about how eating quail can be a "deadly game of Anatolian Roulette" because it only takes a single quail out of thousands to be the one to do you in.

Last Favorite Book: *The Secret Commonwealth* by Philip Pullman

The banner features a dark green background with white and yellow text. At the top left, a yellow box contains the text 'Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)'. Below this, another yellow box says 'Next Meetings', followed by a list of dates: 'October 22nd @ 4pm' and 'November 19th @4pm'. The main title 'SURVIVING THE ELECTIONS' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. To the left is the Washington Library Association logo, a QR code, and a 'Learn more at:' button with the URL 'https://www.wla.org/srt'. A subtitle in a white box reads 'How libraries support communities in the election landscape'. The bottom right corner has a decorative pattern of white dots.

SRRT November 19th @4pm Meetings

The Social Responsibilities Round Table will be holding space on November 19th to talk about your experience supporting patrons and each other during the election cycle. What does your library do during elections? In what ways does your library support communities or yourselves during this stressful season? Drop-in and chat with library colleagues across the state to brainstorm new ways of service or share your challenges in our brave space.

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

Look Who's Hiring

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

King County Library Systems is seeking a [Children's Services Coordinator](#).

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

Lewis & Clark Law School, Boley Law Library (Portland, OR) is seeking a [Research Librarian and Lecturer in Law](#).

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

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

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

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Senior Administrative Specialist](#) (closes Oct. 25).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I, Full-Time](#) (closes Oct. 31) and a [Public Services Assistant I, Part-Time](#) (closes Nov. 1).

Spokane Falls Community College Library is seeking an [Associate Dean of Connected Learning](#) (closes Oct. 31).

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

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

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors \(Olympia\)](#), and a [Library Manager](#) (closes Nov. 3).

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

The University of Washington Information School (iSchool) is seeking an [Assistant Professor, Tenure Track](#) (closes Oct. 31).

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

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

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 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, 425.369.3277

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

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.

Proposals to Present a PLA Webinar Now Open!

PLA invites you to submit a proposal to be a part of our renowned webinar programming. If you have started a new program or forged a new partnership to meet community needs—we want to hear from you! Presenting a PLA webinar is a great way to grow your professional skillset and make an impact on the public library field.

To be considered for presentation in the Spring, please complete the webinar proposal form by Oct. 31.

Please contact plawebinars@ala.org with any questions about the webinar proposal process.

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.



[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.

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

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.

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

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.



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!

Please click on each campaign for more information and to register!

[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.

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