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October 30, 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**.

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



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!

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

2024 Past-Pawsident Chewy

Take a look at Pawsident Chewy's whirlwind term as WLA's very first Pawsident. He received his own library card, became the face of the WLA Advocacy campaign, and got to "hang" with some cool library workers.



Register for the 2024 Summit Today!

Exciting News for Students!

We're thrilled to announce that registration for the upcoming WLA Summit is now only **\$10 for all WLA students!** Join us for an inspiring day of sessions, networking, and professional growth designed to support your career journey in libraries. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to attend at a fraction of the cost—register now and take the first step towards a bright future in the library field!

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

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.](#)

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!

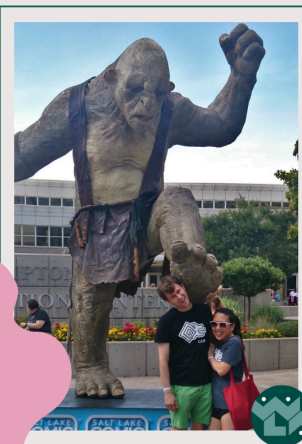
If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Interest Form Now Open for WLA Community Happenings WLA 2025 Committees

WLA Association All-Stars: Volunteer Spotlight

Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we are looking for dedicated



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR WLA?

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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Last Favorite Book:



Next on TBR:



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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.

Next on TBR: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)

Next Meetings

- October 22nd @ 4pm
- November 19th @ 4pm

SURVIVING THE ELECTIONS

How libraries support communities in the election landscape

Learn more at: <https://www.wla.org/srrt>

SRRT Meeting Nov. 19 @ 4 p.m.

The WLA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) will be holding space on Nov. 19 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](#).

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](#).

Olympic College is seeking [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2](#) (closes Nov. 24).

Oregon Tech is seeking a [Director, Portland Metro Campus Library](#) (closes Nov. 25).

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

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](#).

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 and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

News & Notes

Questionnaire: Funding Barriers to Digitizing Library/Archive Collections

A student currently enrolled in the MLIS program at the University of Washington is conducting research for a project looking at practical experience with funding barriers to digitizing collections and archives.

Information for this project will be gathered from a ten-question, anonymous survey via Google forms about your experience. The information collected will be included in this project only and will not be published, shared, or included in any other project.

Please find the link to this short survey here:

<https://forms.gle/UKmKtuoSMPBkrDws7>

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 author events. Visit kcls.org/authorevents for more information!

[Author Voices with Waubgeshig Rice](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 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, Nov. 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.

Proposals to Present a PLA Webinar Now Open!

The Public Library Association (PLA) invites you to [submit a proposal](#) to be a part of the association's renowned webinar programming. If you have started a new program or forged a new partnership to meet community needs—PLA wants 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 a presentation in Spring 2025, please complete the [webinar proposal form](#) by **Oct. 31**.

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

UW Teen Info Literacy Project – Call for Library Participants

The University of Washington (UW) is [looking for six public libraries](#) to help create new teen programming resources and pilot those resources in their own communities over the next two and half years.

This project will develop (1) a program specifically designed for public library contexts, to engage teens in understanding the ways online information can spread misinformation; (2) a website with a fake social media feed for use in library instruction; (3) resources to help library workers in developing locally-tailored programming that draws on those examples.

[This project is funded by IMLS](#) and includes a stipend for participating libraries. UW is in the process of identifying libraries potentially interested in participating in the project.

If you are interested in participating in the project, [please fill out this form](#) no later than **Nov. 8** for UW to learn more about your library and the teens you serve. You may be asked to participate in a 30 minute follow-up interview to learn more about your community and for you to answer any questions about the project.

If you have questions, email project Principal Investigator Stacey Wedlake at staceyaw@uw.edu.

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!

Native Youth Reading Challenge

The Native Youth Reading Challenge program has officially launched! This initiative is a partnership with school districts across Western Washington and tribal and public library systems. friends and family to register and join in!

Youth and families can register from here: <https://nyrc.beanstack.com/>
For more information: <https://unitedindians.org/services/uiatec/>

Grant Opportunitites

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

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

The IRDL Online Research Conference will showcase some of the most creative thinking in research methods geared for the 21st century librarian Nov. 18-19. 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



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2024 ALSC Institute Share Out Webinar

On Nov. 6 at 2 p.m., join the recipients of the Washington State Library's Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC) Institute 2024 Professional Development grant. Hear about memorable sessions, takeaways, and actions that have been taken as a result of attending this conference. [Register now!](#)

This program is supported by funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and



8th Annual LibraryCon Live!

Join Library Journal and School Library Journal on Nov. 14 for the 8th Annual LibraryCon Live! Join a day-long celebration of fandom, spotlighting genre fiction for adults and teens with panels devoted to comics and graphic novels, horror, sf/fantasy, and more.

In addition to panels and keynotes, fast-track learning sessions hosted by librarians and studio spotlights focusing on visual artists will be offered. [Learn more and 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!

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.

Artful Connections: Stephanie Haines' Vision for Inclusive and Inspiring Communities

From [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#), join Stephanie Haines on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. for a presentation on the fundamentals of accessibility through the lens of creative arts activities.

Haines will cover what it means to be accessible; common adaptations you can make to creative tools and materials in your programming; and how you can be flexible and inclusive in your approach to planning arts experiences for a diverse community. [Learn more and register.](#)

CSLP Summer Symposium 2024

Get ready for the 2025 "Color Our World" Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme with a virtual symposium on Dec. 5 from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. PT.

The opening keynote will welcome [Mychal Threets](#) with his keynote address, "You Belong in Libraries." Attendees will be able to participate in sessions about summer reading marketing, creative programming, and sustainability.

[Learn more](#) about the Symposium. Registration opens **Nov. 5.**



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