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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

September 11, 2024



2025 WLA Elections

**Nominations Open**

*for future WLA leaders*

### **Last Chance to Register for an Elections Open House!**

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position in 2025. Please visit the [elections homepage](#) for open positions and their descriptions. You may also find a [preview of the candidate statement questions here](#).

### **2025 Elections Timeline**

**Wednesday, Aug. 28** — Nominations open (*may nominate self or others*)

**Tuesday, Sept. 3- Wednesday, Sept. 11** — Elections Open Houses (*Please click on the link below to register!*)

### **Division/Section Interest Open House:**

- [Wednesday, Sept. 11, 3:00pm](#)

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

\*Elected Officers: Vice President/President-Elect, Treasurer, ALD/ACRL-WA Board Director, SpLD Board Director, and ALA Councilor will be expected to attend a WLA Board Retreat on **Sunday, Oct. 27**. Location TBD in Western WA.

Nominations Form

## 2024 WLA Scholarship Winners Announced

On behalf of the WLA Professional Development Committee, we're excited to announce the winners of the WLA Scholarships for 2024-2025!

- Haley McNealy – [Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Taylor Hazan – [Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Angelie Seng – [John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Amanda Workman – [Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#) (\$500)
- Margaret Doud – [Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#) (\$500)

Thank you to all who applied for this year's round of scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).



## Announcing Summit Keynote Speaker John Schu!

WLA is pleased to share that the keynote speaker for the [Bibliotherapy in Libraries Summit](#) will be librarian and writer [John Schu](#)! Schu is the author of *Louder Than Hunger* (2024) and *This is a Story* (2023), among other titles. Be sure to save the Summit date **Nov. 16** to catch his keynote session and more!

**Statewide registration is now open!** WLA is excited to allow state libraries or state library associations purchase a pass to grant all library staff in their state online access to the Summit. An all-access pass will allow staff from all levels, roles, and career stages to attend for a flat fee, based on the average number of library employees in your state. Learn more on our [Summit homepage](#).

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.

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### ***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, October 29th.**

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

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# WLA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

**Applications Open  
Now-Sept. 27!**



## WLA 2024-2025 Mentorship Program Applications NOW OPEN until Sept. 27!

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 mentoring community as a mentor or a mentee!

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

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

## WLA Community Happenings

The graphic features a dark teal background with a pattern of small white dots. On the right side, there is a photograph of a white coffee cup with latte art on a saucer, surrounded by several yellow and orange autumn leaves. The text 'SRRT MEETING' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the left, there is a yellow box containing the text 'Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)' and another yellow box below it with 'Next Meetings'. Below these boxes, two bullet points list the dates: 'Tuesday, August 27th @4pm' and 'Tuesday, September 24th @4pm'. At the bottom left, there is the Washington Library Association logo and a QR code. Below the QR code, the text 'Learn more at: https://www.wla.org/srrt' is displayed.

## Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Upcoming Meetings

Whether you're gearing up for the academic new year or wrapping up summer reading programs, the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) is here to hear about your experience. Join SRRT at our mid-year check up on **September 24th @4pm** to connect with other library staff over a warm mug. ☕🍂

We'll be sharing our gear-up and wind-down experiences, reflecting on our previous SRRT meetings, and selecting concepts for the final three SRRT sessions. Both long-time attendees and first-time drop-ins are welcome!

September 24 @4pm Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82978483123>

Meeting Minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-u7Drv64RkfjaGDh1geVrgBmYtOyG-BjqjbhdkbENH8/edit>

About SRRT: <https://www.wla.org/srrt-meetings---events>

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### **Public Library Division Meeting Sept. 25**

Join us for our quarterly Public Library Division meeting on Wednesday, September 25 from 9-10am. Come connect with other public library workers, share insights, and collaborate on any current topics of interest.

Zoom Meeting link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129695901?  
pwd=7b18DMbalVqSkZ26qLN7ICS58BMhpF.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129695901?pwd=7b18DMbalVqSkZ26qLN7ICS58BMhpF.1)

Meeting ID: 841 2969 5901

Passcode: 236035

We hope to see you there! For questions, please reach out to PLD Chair Jannah Minnix, [jminnix@sno-isle.org](mailto:jminnix@sno-isle.org).

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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 on Saturday, October 5th 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.

### Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking a [Part-Time Faculty](#) position. Please visit the [Family Saturdays web page](#) for more information!

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

**Calling all interested in looking at the newly revised ELA standards!**

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

Are you interested in looking at the newly revised ELA standards and how Olympic College is seeking a [Library Adjunct Faculty](#) led Digital Media Literacy?

The Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences is seeking an [Education and Reference Librarian](#) who will review revised standards and prepare feedback to OSPI regarding the standards and how it will be implemented.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Collection Management Specialist](#) (closing date Sept. 16). Very short with feedback requested 9/13! This task force would likely meet in two zoom meetings- a meeting to discuss how materials will be reviewed and then a meeting to collect our feedback. (closing date Sept. 19).

If you are interested in this work, please email Jamie Moffett at [jamieemoffett@gmail.com](mailto:jamieemoffett@gmail.com). Tigard Public Library is seeking [On Call Librarians](#).

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Operations Supervisors \(Olympia\)](#).

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

Western Washington University is seeking a [Circulation Specialist](#).

*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

### King County Library System Hosting Series of Author Events

The [King County Library System](#) (KCLS) invites community members to attend a series of inspiring and educational author events. Visit [kcls.org/authorevents](http://kcls.org/authorevents) for more information.

#### [Sabrina Strings](#)

**Thursday, September 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

#### **Online**

Author Sabrina Strings, Ph.D. will discuss her books "[Fearing the Black Body: The Racial Origins of Fat Phobia](#)" and "[The End of Love: Racism, Sexism and the Death of Romance](#)" at this engaging event.

#### [Georgia Dunn](#)

**Saturday, September 14, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

#### [Kenmore Library](#)

Meet local cartoonist, author and illustrator Georgia Dunn, the creator of [Breaking Cat News](#) books and daily comics. Dunn will talk about her latest title,

[“Good as Goldie”](#) and share ghostly stories from the Breaking Cat News universe.

### **[Mercury Stardust](#)**

**Tuesday, September 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

#### **Online**

Meet Mercury Stardust, professional home maintenance technician, performer, award-winning activist and author of [“Safe and Sound: A Renter-Friendly Guide to Home Repair.”](#) Hear how they became the internet sensation known as “Trans Handy Ma'am,” a first-time author and more.

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### **2024-25 Teacher-Librarian Affinity Group**

Are you a Teacher-Librarian or school library worker in ESD 112 or the surrounding areas? Are you looking for a way to connect with other school library professionals in your area to share ideas and resources? Then this CLOCK HOURS APPROVED course is for you!

The Teacher-Librarian Affinity Group will meet monthly (except December) during the 2024-25 school year. Half the meetings will be in school library spaces (volunteer hosts needed), and half will be synchronous zoom sessions. Up to 12 clock hours will be awarded based on actual participation.

[Click here to view the course and register!](#)

**Registration ends Sept. 16 with the first session starting Sept. 18.**

Please contact [Sarah Logan](#) with any questions.

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### **Celebrating the Freedom to Read: Book Banning, Censorship, and Democracy**

Join Antioch University on **Sep 24th at 4pm PT** as it works for democracy and the American Association of School Librarians as they bring together a panel of experts for an evening of conversation around democracy, censorship, libraries, and books. Speakers include Miranda Doyle winner of the Intellectual Freedom Award in Oregon, Dr. Sheri Massey, school librarian and 2023 Maryland School Librarian of the Year, and Allison Jennings-Roche, librarian and expert on censorship and democracy. The panel will be moderated by Becky Calzada, AASL president.

Registration Link:

[https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZNstG3slQw2snabVhqotCg](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZNstG3slQw2snabVhqotCg)

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## Neuroinclusive Library Workplaces Survey Now Open!

Are you a neurotypical librarian or library supervisor at a US public or academic library? Are you interested in improving neuroinclusion at your workplace? Please consider participating in this survey, which is the next phase of an [IMLS-funded](#) research project conducted by faculty and graduate students from the Information School at the University of Washington.

This survey will guide the creation of training, toolkits, and curriculum modules to enhance neurodiversity inclusion and empower future librarians across the U.S.

You are eligible to participate if:

- You are aged 18 or older
- You identify as **neurotypical** (not neurodivergent in any way)
- You are currently employed as a librarian or library supervisor at a public or academic library, or have worked in such roles at public or academic libraries within the past five years.

For more details and to take this survey, please visit:

[https://bit.ly/NDLibrarians\\_CFP](https://bit.ly/NDLibrarians_CFP)

The survey will be open for one month, so please try to submit your responses **by September 15, 2024** when the survey will close.



### Latinx Kidlit Book Festival

Join the 2024 [Latinx Kidlit Book Festival](#) LIVE on Sept. 20, Sept. 27, and 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.

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**Are you passionate about media education and looking to make a difference?**

Join AME, [Action for MEDIA Education](#), as a volunteer communications committee member! We are actively seeking someone to partner webmaster responsibilities and help us spread our message far and wide.

To learn more and get involved, contact Marilyn Cohen, director of AME, at [Macohen@uw.edu](mailto:Macohen@uw.edu).

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**The Washington Center for the Book is seeking judges for the 2025 Washington State Book Awards!**

We are looking for librarians, library workers, independent booksellers, and past WSBA finalists and winners to judge our adult and youth categories.

Find out more and apply here: <https://forms.gle/HoKogJr8PoNtdVNn6>

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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.*

## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Finalists!



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



### **Congratulations to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Finalists!**

The Washington Center for the Book is blown away by the depth and breadth of the incredible creators in our state.

The fabulous WSBA judges are librarians, library workers, independent booksellers, and authors.

Please visit the [Book Award Webpage](#) to view the 2024 finalists!

**Grant Opportunities**

**The Pilcrow Foundation: [Children's Book Project Program Grant](#)**

- Grant provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. **Apply by October 1 to be considered.**
- The Pilcrow Foundation accepts applications from independent rural public libraries and Native American Tribal libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative system. A branch library may apply if it serves a rural community.
- The Pilcrow Foundation accepts applications from school libraries only if the school library also serves as the community's public library (i.e., it is open to the entire community; has summer hours; is open beyond the school day, including Saturdays; there is no public library in town) and meets the budgetary and rural requirements.

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### [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

### Register for the NWILL Resource Sharing Conference

The [NWILL \(Northwest Interlibrary Loan\)](#) conference will be held **Sept. 18-20** in a unique hybrid format; attendees can join in person at [University of Oregon](#) in

[Eugene](#), Oregon or virtually through the [Whova](#) conference platform. Regardless of how you attend, you will have access to amazing presentations and networking opportunities!

Programming for 2024 includes presentations on topics such as E-Book ILL, Succession Planning, International Resource Sharing, Copyright, ISO 18626, Policy Harmonization, Training, Visualizing ILL Data, and more. Most presentations will be in-person and live-streamed to our virtual audience. The full program will be posted on the [NWILL website](#) and on the [Whova](#) conference platform.

**Have questions?** Get in touch with the planning committee by email to [nwillconf@gmail.com](mailto:nwillconf@gmail.com).

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### **ACRL-OR/WA Joint Fall Conference Registration Now Open!**

Formerly known as Menucha, the ACRL-OR Fall Conference is taking a new direction this year in a single day hybrid format! The joint ACRL-OR/WA Fall Conference "New Connections" provides an opportunity to exchange ideas regarding new approaches to instruction, new technologies, centering EDI practices in our daily work, and everything else in between!

Join your fellow Academic Librarians and Library Workers on **Oct. 25 at Reed College in Portland, OR** for a day of connection, rejuvenation, and new experiences. **The pre conference social will be held at Reed College Library the afternoon before on Oct. 24.**

**Early bird in person rates are offered through Sept. 9. Registration closes Sept. 30** or until all spaces are filled. We are offering an in person, virtual, and in person student rate. Please visit our [registration page](#) to reserve your spot or visit our [conference website](#) for more details.

## The Learning Curve



**Dive into AI: Join our Pool Party!**

Want to explore AI tools more deeply? Gain confidence evaluating their use in your library? Apply today to join the Washington State Library for a four-week AI pool party this October. We'll dive in and help each other toward AI goals, work through challenges and identify resources for further learning. This is a hands-on series, aimed at supporting practical applications and guidance in libraries.

No experience with AI necessary. Bring your curiosity and questions and we'll dive in together! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/aipoolparty> for more information and to apply.

**Applications are due September 20, 2024 and applicants will be notified by September 27, 2024.**

Questions? Please contact [wsltraining@sos.wa.gov](mailto:wsltraining@sos.wa.gov).

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Society of Children's Book Writers - Western Washington

**HEY! MY BOOK WAS BANNED!**

**A discussion with three creatives who've faced the challenges**

**KIRBY LARSON** **DORI HILLESTAD BUTLER** **YANGSOOK CHOI**  
*Dash*      *My Mom's Having a Baby!*      *The Name Jar*

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm on Zoom  
\$15 for Members, \$20 for Nonmembers

### **Hey! My Book was BANNED!**

The Society of Children's Book Writers & Editors Western Washington Chapter is hosting an important virtual session on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30pm. HEY, MY BOOK WAS BANNED will feature three KidLit authors talking about the challenges their books faced and how those challenges affected their work and their sense of duty in working against bans.

Registration is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Please visit the [SCBWI website](#) for more information and to register.

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## 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



### Contact Info:

Washington Library Association  
PO Box 33808 Seattle, WA 98133

Discover the Power of Gale Resources for

[info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org)

This training will be eligible for one (1) clock hour.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 am PT

**Connect with Us!**

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Instagram

LinkedIn

**WSL Link:** [https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617243513177/WN\\_HUV2zTDESUqd5oEqXeywg](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617243513177/WN_HUV2zTDESUqd5oEqXeywg)

### Support Secondary Education: Unlock the Possibilities with Gale Resources for 6-12

This training will be eligible for one (1) clock hour.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, October 2nd at 10:00-11:00am PT

**WSL Link:** [https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/6517243513608/WN\\_rgm1D0McT8quI4\\_27oCctw](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/6517243513608/WN_rgm1D0McT8quI4_27oCctw)

### 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\\_Uttu0ixPTX6lniMVW3pPHg](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/8117243513902/WN_Uttu0ixPTX6lniMVW3pPHg)

### 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](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/3417249565052/WN_FojttuP0TmCs4km5LVIRoA)

Register now and discover the power of Gale resources!

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