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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

September 18, 2024



**Individual and Organizational
Registration Now Open!**



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.



Last Chance to Submit Nominations!

Are you looking for leadership or career experience? Want to connect with other library professionals and give back to Washington's library community? WLA invites you to run for a leadership position in 2025!

Please visit the [elections homepage](#) for open positions and their descriptions and to view past candidate statements. You may also find a [preview of the candidate statement questions here](#).

If you have any questions about a position, feel free to email the [WLA office](#) and we will be happy to connect you with more information.

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*

*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.

[2025 Nominations Form](#)

Alki

The Washington Library
Association Journal

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.

Alki is an online official publication of WLA published three times a year. It provides WLA members and the statewide library community in-depth information about library issues and concerns, exposure to library research, and an opportunity for writers to publish articles in a peer-reviewed, professional library journal.

The *Alki* Editor-in-Chief is responsible for providing a balanced mixture of relevant and thoughtful articles and features on the interests, responsibilities, and concerns of all library personnels. The selected candidate can look forward to working alongside an active and engaged Editorial Committee, being part of a leading library journal, gaining leadership experience, meeting library workers from around the state, and attending the annual WLA Conference at a discounted rate.

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.

Alki

The Washington Library
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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, October 29th.**

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



**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 **WLA Community Happenings** most recent issue of *A/k!* If interested, please fill out a quick application at www.wla.org/mentoring.

A promotional graphic for the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) meeting. The background is a dark teal color with a pattern of small white dots. On the right side, there is a large white coffee cup with a latte art design, sitting on a white saucer. Two yellow autumn leaves are scattered around the cup. The text "SRRT MEETING" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. To the left of the cup, there is a yellow box with the text "Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)" and another yellow box with "Next Meetings". Below these boxes, there are two bullet points listing the meeting 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, it says "Learn more at: https://www.wla.org/srrt".

Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)

Please join the SRRT with a warm mug in hand!

Next Meetings

- Tuesday, August 27th @4pm
- Tuesday, September 24th @4pm

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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

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>

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=7b18DMbaIVqSkZ26qLN7ICS58BMhpF.1>

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

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.

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

Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking a [Part-Time Faculty](#) position.

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

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

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Circulation and Systems Coordinator](#).

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](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Librarian- Adult Services](#) and a [Customer Experience Assistant](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Cataloging Assistant](#) and a [Page Supervisor](#) (closing date Sept. 19).

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 \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

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

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



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.



**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.

**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>

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Finalists!

- Grant provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which Children's Book Project grants acquire several titles to be used 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 (the library 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 **Congratulations to the 2024 Washington State Book Award Finalists!** budgetary and rural requirements.



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

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

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

- PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T is designed to foster the public library adoption of 8 core Digital 2024 finalists. Please visit the [public library adoption page](#) for more information.

- [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](#)!

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE: November 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



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.

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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.

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!

Enhancing Elementary Education: Discover the Power of Gale Resources for K-5

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00-11:00am PT

WSL Link: <https://cengage->

[gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617243513177/WN_HUV2zTDESUqd5oEqtXewyg](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617243513177/WN_HUV2zTDESUqd5oEqtXewyg)

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_rgm1D0McT8qul4_27oCctw](https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/6517243513608/WN_rgm1D0McT8qul4_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!

Have news to share? Please send information to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by



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