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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

September 25, 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.



2025 Elections Voting Opens this Afternoon!

Online voting will open this afternoon for the 2025 WLA Elections cycle. Visit the [elections homepage](#) to view candidate statements and to cast your votes then.

Please make sure to review and cast your vote on the membership rates proposal at the end of the voting form.

2025 Elections Timeline

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

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



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
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.](#)



WLA 2024-2025 Mentorship Program Applications- Mentors Needed!

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 *Alki!* If interested, please fill out a quick application at www.wla.org/mentoring.

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

WLA Community Happenings

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

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

All activities included free with museum admission!

2025 Towner Award-nominated books



WA State Historical Society: Discover the 2025 Towner Award Nominees

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

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

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 [Senior Finance Specialist](#).

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

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

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

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.



Latinx Kidlit Book Festival

Join the 2024 [Latinx Kidlit Book Festival](#) LIVE Oct. 11 from your classroom, library or home for FESTIVAL FRIDAYS!

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

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

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.

Grant Opportunities

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

- PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T is designed to foster public library adoption of 8 core DigitalLearn basic topics.
- [DigitalLearn](#) is a free platform focused on providing basic digital skill resources. Content is available as [self-paced modules](#) and [workshop materials](#). Please note, incentive requirements can only be met through conducting workshops, not the self-paced modules.
- AT&T and PLA are pleased to offer this opportunity for the third consecutive year. This incentive is part of AT&T's Connected Learning initiative and AT&T's \$5 billion commitment to addressing the digital divide through investments in internet accessibility, affordability, and the safe adoption of technology. Materials are available in both English and Spanish. DigitalLearn courses and materials are free to use.

Have grants to share with the WLA community? Please send information to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include any relevant requirements, as well as the blurb you would like posted.

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: 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



Register for the 4 Seasons of Indigenous Training Today!

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

Attendees may use discount code: **4SEASONS10%** to receive 10% off the total.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Outdoor Learning School & Store also offers a variety of free workshops, which you can find [here](#).

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!

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

Elevating Higher Education: Harnessing the Power of Gale Resources

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

WSL Link: https://cengage-gale.zoom.us/webinar/register/8117243513902/WN_Uttu0ixPTX6IniMVW3pPHg

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

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

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

Register now and discover the power of Gale resources!

Have news to share? Please send information to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include any relevant graphics, as well as the blurb you would like posted in our newsletter.

It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!



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