



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

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On this day: in 1861, the Pony Express officially ceased operations.

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## **Making Headlines**

### **Sno-Isle Libraries Wins Humanities Washington Award**

Sno-Isle Libraries is the recipient of the 2016 Humanities Washington Award.

The library system serving Snohomish and Island counties was honored for its ongoing participation with Humanities Washington's programming and support of authors and the arts in Washington. The award was presented Oct. 7 at "Wildest Dreams," the 18th annual Seattle Bedtime Stories fundraiser for Humanities Washington.

"We treasure our partnership with Humanities Washington and are thrilled to be honored with this award," Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory said.

"Part of our mission is to be a center for people, ideas and culture. Our work with Humanities Washington helps us bring a cultural richness of experiences to the communities we serve that might not otherwise be available." [Read the full article in the Edmonds Beacon here.](#)

## **Look Who's Hiring**



The Longview Public Library is looking for a [Library Technician](#). The deadline to apply is November 7.

## **Conference Communiqué**

**Live from the Shores of Lake Chelan**

Miller Nash Graham & Dunn is seeking an [Information Systems Specialist](#). The position is open until filled.

[The Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA) lists job openings every Monday and you can browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please [email](#) us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

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## News & Notes

### CAYAS Workshop Survey

The board of [CAYAS](#) (Children's & Young Adults Services), a section of WLA, is in the process of planning our 2017 Spring workshop, and we would appreciate your feedback.

This is a quick and easy [survey](#) that will help guide us in deciding what type of workshop to offer next Spring. We are eager to get started with the planning, so please complete the survey by October 28.

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### MLA 2017: Volunteer Opportunities Abound!

Have you dreamed about ways you can participate more fully in the Medical Library Association's Annual Meetings? Do you dare to volunteer in a way you may not have tried before? You can contribute to the success of MLA's 2017 Annual Meeting in Seattle by volunteering and ensuring that attendees have a quality experience and that things run smoothly. There are ample opportunities and options from which to choose:

#### *Assembling Annual Meeting Bags*

There is such thing as a free lunch! We are in need of 20-30 people to help assemble the Annual Meeting bags beginning at 1pm on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Convention Center.

#### *Hospitality Booth*

You can be a local expert! Volunteers are needed to staff the Hospitality Booth during the hours the conference registration area is open.



THANKS!  
WE HAD A  
WALE OF A  
TIME.

After two days of fantastic workshops and sessions, and tasty meals with Nancy Pearl, Robin Bradford, Susan Mallery, Lauren Dane, and Cherry Adair, today is the last day of the 2016 WALE Conference. This morning we had an incredible business breakfast with WLA President Brianna Hoffman as our keynote speaker. We are finishing up the three-day event with two postconference workshops sponsored by the Washington State Library.

To everyone who attended, volunteered, presented and exhibited, the WALE Conference Committee thanks you! Stay tuned for highlights from the conference in an upcoming WLA Wednesday.

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## The Learning Curve

### Locating Information on Developmental Disabilities using NLM Resources

On November 10 at noon, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/ Pacific Northwest Region (NN/LM PNR) is offering a new class on the topic of developmental disabilities. For many families and individuals, learning about a child's or family members' diagnosis can be devastating and cause an array of emotional responses. It can be an unexpected event and for others it is something they have been anticipating. Information is important regarding the diagnosis whether it is about a particular condition, accessing services, or finding support. The National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health, and other government entities offer an array of resources which may be of help. This class will introduce you to those resources as well as ideas of how to incorporate them into your library to inform and make accessible to your communities. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

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**EBSCO Offers Five Scholarships to Attend  
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

*Placement Center/Member Resource Room*

Prefer something a little more behind the scenes? We are in need of 2 volunteers per shift to help staff the Job Placement Center/Member Resource Room. Volunteers are asked to monitor the room and the equipment, as well as direct visitors to appropriate resources and information.

To indicate your interest in volunteering, please contact [Frances Chu](#) or [Andrea Ball](#) for the Hospitality Booth, or [Gail Kouame](#) or [Carolyn Martin](#) for Assembling Annual Meeting Bags or Placement Center/Member Resource Room.

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and make MLA 2017 a success. Just do it!

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Have news to share? Please send it to the [WLA office](#) by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

The [American Library Association](#) (ALA) and [EBSCO Information Services](#) (EBSCO) are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2017 [ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) in Atlanta. The scholarship allows more librarians to take advantage of the opportunities for continuing education, meetings and interactions with colleagues at the meeting, which will take place from Jan. 20 – 24, 2017.

Each scholarship will provide up to \$1,500 to defray the cost of for conference registration, travel and expenses. One of the five scholarships will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee. The scholarship recipients will be honored by EBSCO and ALA representatives during the conference at a breakfast on Sunday, January 22.

The application deadline is Nov. 2, 2016 and entries will be judged by a jury designated by ALA. Candidates must submit an essay that answers the questions: What will be the next game changer(s) for your library? How will your attendance at ALA Midwinter 2017 help you to contribute to the future of your library and libraries overall?"

[Click here to learn more and apply for the scholarships.](#)

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