



# Welcome to WLA Wednesday

November 16, 2016

On this day: in 1990, pop group Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award for not singing on their *Girl You Know It's True* album

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## Making Headlines

### The Fall Issue of *Alki* is Now Available



The November 2016 issue of *Alki*, The Future of Library Collections, has been published and is [available for download](#). A diverse selection of articles, including "A Tale of Two Hotspot Lending Programs," "Digitizing Unique Local History: Washington Rural Heritage," an opportunity to meet our new State Librarian, as well as "Dispatches from Swellville, from the Desk of Agnes T. Gollywhopper," await you between its pages.

Please visit the [Alki homepage](#) to learn more about WLA's professional publication and the [Alki Archives](#) to access previous issues.

## Look Who's Hiring



Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking an [Assistant Branch Manager](#). The position is open until filled.

[The Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA) lists job openings every Monday and

## Conference Communique

### 2016 HackWLMA and WALE Conference Materials Available Online

Couldn't make it to either conference last month? Curious to learn what you missed? While it won't be quite the same as attending, you can still download materials from the workshops and sessions offered at both conferences! [Click here for 2016 HackWLMA Conference materials](#) and [here for 2016 WALE Conference materials](#)\*.

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

### Survey from the Diversity Within ALSC Task Force

The Diversity within within Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Task Force is conducting a survey to gain a better understanding of the current ALSC membership as well as other youth services providers outside the membership.

The purpose of this survey is to discern where we stand with diversity within the children's library services profession, and to determine barriers to joining ALSC. It is our hope that by discovering barriers we can work to break them down to create a more inclusive, diverse membership, and eventually, profession.

This survey is voluntary, confidential, and anonymous. No personally identifiable information is captured and all responses will be aggregated and summarized into a report.

We would like to compile as much information as possible, and we hope that you will consider participating in the survey.

Please feel free to share with colleagues in order to help us reach the greatest possible audience. The survey will be live until Tuesday, December 20th.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

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### Three Free Test Prep Resources for Your Patrons

1) Join over 1,600 library partners nationwide helping to create safer teen drivers. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens, and nearly 40% of teens fail their driving test the first time they take it.

[Driving-tests.org](#) has partnered with 1,646 libraries nationwide, including several state libraries, to offer free online interactive DMV practice tests (car, motorcycle, and

*\*New materials have been added to WALE in the past week.*

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## The Learning Curve

### Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship

The Louise Seaman Bechtel fellowship has been extended to December 15, 2016! The Fellowship provides a \$4,000 grant to a qualified children's librarian to spend a total of four weeks or more reading and studying at the [Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature](#) of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville. The Baldwin Library contains a special collection of 130,000 volumes of children's literature published mostly before 1950. [Please review the guidelines here](#). Applicants must be members of ALA ALSC. *If you can't apply, please encourage colleagues who might interested to do so.*

Have you read the wonderful accounts of past Bechtel Fellows in the ALSC Blog? If not, you can find them here:

- ["An Energizing Break"](#) – Kathy East & Mary Elizabeth Land
- ["A Complete Professional Game Changer"](#) – Allison Kaplan & Jane Marino
- ["Becoming a Bechtel Fellow Changed My Professional Life"](#) – Christina Dorr & Sharon Deeds
- ["One of the Highlights of My Career"](#) – Charmette (Kendrick) Perry & Suzi Wackerbarth

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### Professional Development Scholarship Opportunity from ALA Learning Round Table

The ALA Learning Round Table (LRT) will award up to \$1,000 to an individual to attend a professional development event between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. The award recipient will be required to share their new learning with other Round Table members in some way (newsletter, blog, list serve, etc.). Applicants do not have to be ALA members to apply. Applicants must respond to [this Survey Monkey questionnaire](#) by February 15, 2017, at 11:50 p.m. CST.

This grant, named after our much admired past-president, the late Pat Carterette, is designed to honor her passion for professional

commercial driver's license), a [DMV Locator](#), and a mobile-ready app for your patrons. The program is free, ad-free, and registration free. We also provide detailed usage statistics.

Case studies: [Nebraska Libraries](#) and [Brownsburg Public Library](#)

2) Help your patrons prepare for their Certified Nursing Assistant exam. [CNA.plus](#) is designed to help US learners pass their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) test.

The site provides free practice tests that simulate the official exam. All test questions are based on the 2016 National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP®), which is the written test that most states use. [Certified Nursing Assistant Practice Tests](#)

3) Help your patrons prepare for their multistate bar examinations. [BarPrepHero.com](#) is a free resource to assist US law students and graduates preparing to take their MBE exam.

The practice tests are based on the previous Multistate Bar Examination questions written by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE®). [Multistate Bar Exam Practice Tests](#)

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### **2016 Open Government Resource Manual Is Now Available**

The Washington State Attorney General's Office has again updated its online *Open Government Resource Manual* summarizing Washington's sunshine laws. The 2016 edition is available on [the Attorney General's Open Government Web Page](#). The 2016 edition updates the 2015 manual and now also includes:

- A new Table of Contents
- Information about several 2016 statutes and court decisions

The manual describes the state's Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act. The manual includes summaries of and links to relevant statutes, court decisions, formal Attorney General Opinions, Public Records Act Model Rules, and other materials.

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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.

development in the field of library and information sciences. A former staff development and continuing education coordinator, Pat believed in quality library service, leadership development, and continual learning.

Please note: The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 (with receipts). Any costs above this will be the responsibility of the participant. In addition to the financial award, the winner will also be provided with access to a member of LRT, who will serve as a personal "Career Development Mentor" throughout the award year. The winner will be notified in May of 2017.

For more information, please visit [the Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant website](#).

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### **Call for Proposals for the 2017 Building Bridges Technology Conference**

The [Building Bridges Technology Conference](#) is calling for proposals for presentations at the 2017 conference from March 16 & 17, 2017 in the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane.

- The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, November 18, 2016.
- Please submit proposals using this [form](#).

Building Bridges Technology Conference is sponsored in partnership by Eastern Washington University and Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

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