



Welcome to **WLA Wednesday**

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Making Headlines

WSL's Washington Rural Heritage Named a Best Site



[Washington Rural Heritage](#) is named one of 75 Best State Genealogy Websites in 2016 by [Family Tree Magazine](#).

Washington Rural Heritage is a collaborative digitization program headquartered at the Washington State Library. The project brings together unique local history materials from libraries, museums, and the private collections of citizens throughout Washington.

For more information about Washington Rural Heritage, please contact Evan Robb at evan.robb@sos.wa.gov or 360-704-5228.

Please help us congratulate the Washington State Library for a job well done!

Look Who's Hiring



The Community Colleges of Spokane are searching for an [Institutional Research Associate](#). The deadline to apply is November 28.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian](#). The deadline to apply is November 29.

The City of Everett is looking for a [Library Technician](#). The deadline to apply is December 2.

[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.

News & Notes

Letters About Literature Contest

The annual Letters About Literature contest first deadline is nearing! Please encourage teachers and students in grades 4 - 12 at your school or in your library service area to participate. Homeschoolers are welcome as well.

- Level 3 (grades 9-12) entries must be postmarked by December 2, 2016.
- Level 1 (grades 4-6) and Level 2 (grades 7-8) entries must be postmarked by January 9, 2017.

To learn more about this year's contest and/or to print the entry form and participation guidelines for your library patrons, please visit the [Letters about Literature 2017 contest page](#).

The 24th annual writing contest for young readers is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which

Conference Communiqué

Save the Dates for Learn Local!



The dates have been confirmed for WLA's three one-day conferences in April 2017. These will give WLA members more accessible, affordable options for professional development and networking with your regional colleagues. With multiple concurrent programs to choose from, you can attend one or all three events. *Learn Local!* will take place at:

- Seattle Public Library on Friday, April 7
- Yakima Valley College on Friday, April 28
- Spokane Public Library on Saturday, April 29

These one-day conferences are in addition to the big 2017 WLA Conference in Tacoma, November 1-4. The request for program proposals for both spring and fall events will be released on December 12. We hope many of you will offer to share your skills and experience with our WA library communities!

The Learning Curve

Libraries – Unite Your Patrons: Check Out the Latest Trends in Community Reads Programs

What if a whole community were engaged in a book discussion?

Many libraries have asked and answered that question by sponsoring Community Reads projects. *Library Journal* and Ingram Library Services present a webinar on Thursday, December 1, 12-1pm Pacific, featuring a panel of librarians who have coordinated and

promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, State Libraries and other organizations. This is the 12th year that Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, has sponsored Letters About Literature as part of Washington Reads.

For additional information, contact Crystal Lentz at crystal.lentz@sos.wa.gov or 360-704-5275.

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Committee Seeks New Member

The Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Committee is looking for a new member to fill its ranks. If you have ever wanted to serve on this committee please send a letter of interest to Barb

Hagerty, b.hagerty@ksd.org, and Mimi Vosper, mimi.vosper@kent.k12.wa.us.

Applications are due by December 31, 2016. Right now we are really looking for men to help fill some of our open positions and balance out our committee but all applications will be considered.

Please include your qualifications and why you think you should be considered in your letter. Also, please tell us which three nominees or winners of WCCPBA in the past years are your favorite, why you like these specific books, and how you utilize them.

The committee responsibilities are to attend the fall conference and present a session with the group, a spring meeting to select the next year's nominations (switches sides of the state, a full day on a Saturday in March), to read the approximately 150 nominated books prior to our meeting and then prepares lesson plans on 2-3 of the final nominees to be posted on the wiki. You will also have a job on the committee (i.e. Committee Chair, Wiki master, Poster Sales and Printing, Award Distribution, Conference Coordinator, etc.) that requires independent work throughout the year depending on your assignment.

NEA Big Read Now Accepting Grant Applications

The [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA) is accepting [applications](#) for [NEA Big Read](#)

managed city-wide book groups in their own communities.

Don't miss this lively discussion about their experiences and best practices for many different aspects of Community Reads projects, such as planning, title selection, promotion, challenges faced and lessons learned.

Panelists:

- Audrey Barbakoff – Adult Services Manager, Kitsap Regional Library
- Jan Bodnar – Outreach Librarian, Irving Public Library
- Theresa Lynch – Senior Library Manager – Collections, Wake County Library
- Lauren Williams – Adult and Community Services Manager, Columbia Public Library

Moderator:

Shannan Rosa – Collection Development Librarian, Ingram Library Services

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

How to Navigate Amidst Overwhelming Times from the Trauma Stewardship Institute

Whether because of trauma, crises, or really, really hard days.

Please join us for a day (or two) of raising awareness of trauma, vicarious trauma, and systematic oppression. The workshops will be held at the University of Washington in Seattle.

- Phase One (December 5) will provide foundational training.
- Phase Two (December 6) will build on the previous day, or on other Trauma Stewardship training you have attended in the past.
- These workshops will address how we're being impacted by current and past overwhelm, crises, toll, or trauma and establish concrete means for how to keep on keeping on both individually and collectively.

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky will offer a compelling mix of personal insight, cutting-edge research, personal stories, and

[grants](#). The deadline is Thursday, January 26, 2017, to apply for 2017-2018 grants.

NEA Big Read is a national program that offers grants to support organizations to develop community-wide programs which encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences.

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.

Please note that the WLA office will be closed December 26-30, 2016, in observance of the holidays.

countless *New Yorker* cartoons to help us understand the cumulative toll of being exposed to suffering over time, and gain the skills needed to reconcile it. Participants from all professional disciplines and life circumstances are welcome to attend.

To learn more, visit [The Trauma Stewardship Insititute](#). To register for Phase One (December 5, 2016), please click [here](#). To register for Phase Two (December 6, 2016), please click [here](#). Please note that you will need a separate ticket/registration for each phase of the event you would like to attend.

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