

Welcome To... WLA Wednesday

~A Weekly Digest From WLA Members to WLA Members

Welcome to WLA Wednesday! This communication contains announcements that are sent to us from WLA members and ALA for distribution. We'll also call out save the dates, deadlines for event registrations and other pertinent information.

Effective July 1st, we are pleased to announce that Primary Source has assumed management of WLA's daily operations and full conference planning services. Headed by Executive Director, Kate Laughlin, [Primary Source](#) provides project management, professional development and strategic consultation for libraries and library support orgs. Kate is a longtime WLA and ALA member as well as being WLA's Program Coordinator for the past seven years. Her depth of experience with PNW libraries, unique institutional knowledge of WLA, and strategic planning abilities make Kate and Primary Source the perfect partners in moving our major initiatives forward. The WLA Board is excited to be working with the PS team, including Assistant Director, Emily Jones, in making sure that WLA is an organization where individual and institutional members find clear value in their membership and anyone working in or in support of WA's libraries can see their place and feel that they belong.

If you have news to share, please send by Monday of each week to the [WLA Office](#).

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[Western Washington University](#) is currently looking for Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services. Position is open until filled.

[The Pend Oreille County Library District](#) is currently looking for a Director of Library Services. Position closes August 15.

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please make sure you indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

First Tuesdays: Disaster Response and Recovery, Public libraries as key community partners

Phil Heikinen, Orcas Island Library director, will address how libraries can develop plans for responding to disasters and emergencies. Even more important can be the crucial roles libraries can play in helping their communities prepare for and respond to a disaster or emergency through such means as building community resilience, sharing information, facilitating networking, providing shelter, and contributing to staffing of an emergency operations center.

This program will take place on August 2nd at 9 a.m. PDT. [Instructions and Login for First Tuesdays session](#)

First Tuesdays is designed as a continuing-education opportunity for staff of libraries in Washington State. This free webinar allows attendees to share their skills and successes and learn about new topics. The special-subject presentations, lasting about 60 minutes, are recorded so that others may listen at their convenience.

Questions? Please contact Carolyn Petersen at carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov.

Your Public Library: First Stop for Government Information/Tu Biblioteca Pública: Primera Destinación para Información del Gobierno

A live training webinar, "Your Public Library: First Stop for Government Information/Tu Biblioteca Pública: Primera Destinación para Información del Gobierno," will be presented on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Register today for ["Your Public Library: First Stop for Government Information/Tu Biblioteca Pública: Primera Destinación para Información del Gobierno"](#)

Start time: 2:00 p.m. (Eastern) / 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)

Duration: 60 minutes

Speaker: Jane Canfield, Coordinator Federal Documents, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico

Learning outcomes: Public libraries provide free access to a variety of materials. The FDLP provides free access to Government information to help create better informed citizens. This webinar will focus on materials of use to public libraries and demonstrate how public libraries and citizens can access the wealth of Government information that exists. This bilingual webinar will offer insights into working with speakers of other languages, as well as links to Government information in Spanish. Topics covered will include the U.S. Congress and Government; immigration and citizenship; social security and aging; and health and mental health. Some examples of state level documents will also be included.

Expected level of knowledge for participants: No prerequisite knowledge required.

Closed captioning will be available.

2016 Washington Medical Librarians Association Annual Meeting and Conference

Please join us for the 2016 Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) annual meeting and conference at Bastyr University in Kenmore. WMLA is a welcoming group, Bastyr is a beautiful campus, and the content and topics this year are broad enough to be interesting for non-medical librarians. Two continuing education courses will be offered on Thursday, July 21: "Rapid Course Design" and "Clinical Genomics." The annual meeting and conference on Friday, July 22 features sessions on searching grey literature, patient and caregiver empowerment, open access publishing, and discovery services.

And the price is right--\$60 includes WMLA membership, breakfast and lunch! More details and online registration are available at <http://wmla.org/meeting/Conference2016.html>. Feel free to contact Ann Glusker, Consumer Health Librarian at The Seattle Public Library with any questions, at ann.glusker@spl.org.

Don't miss the 82nd World Library and Information Congress in Columbus, Ohio, August 13-19

Ever wanted to go to an international library conference? This is your chance, without leaving the country. This year's IFLA Congress already has delegates from over 130 countries registered! [Great programming](#) and networking opportunities abound.

Highlights include:

- Sunday, 14 August – Opening Ceremony and Reception
- Tuesday, 16 August – Plenary session featuring author Wes Moore & Cultural Evening at Columbus' Center of Science and Industry highlighting food and entertainment representative of 5 regions of the United States and yes, dancing will be included!
- Wednesday, 17 August – Plenary session featuring National Archivist David Ferriero
- Thursday, 18 August – Closing Session
- Friday, 19 August – Library Tours

To register for the Congress, click [HERE](#).