



# Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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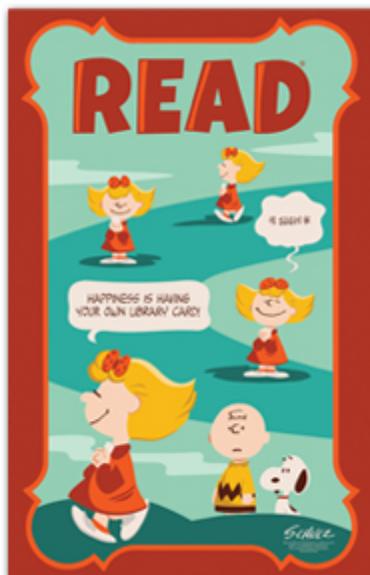
On this day: in 1887, English poet Dame Edith Sitwell was born

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## Making Headlines

### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month



September is [Library Card Sign-up Month](#). In honor of our spokesdog Snoopy, the world-famous beagle of the legendary Peanuts gang, we're asking you to show us how your library makes you happy. Tell us, or show us with a photo or short video, posted to [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) using the hashtag #LibraryHappinessIs. Entries can also be posted directly to the [Love Libraries Facebook page](#).

Promotion begins Thursday, September 1 at noon CT and ends Thursday, September 22 at noon CT. One randomly selected winner will receive a Sally READ poster from ALA Graphics and

gift card worth \$100.00 USD. [Official rules \(PDF\)](#)

Librarians and the general public are encouraged to participate. Join in the fun and tell the world what #LibraryHappinessIs to you. Visit the [Library Card Sign-up Month page](#) to learn about other ways to celebrate.

## Look Who's Hiring

## Conference Communiqué

**Early Bird Rates for the 2016 HackWLMA  
Conference End September 12!**



[The Walla Walla County Library District](#) is seeking an Executive Director. The

deadline to apply is October 14.

[The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District](#) is seeking an Outreach and Community Partnership Director. The deadline to apply is September 30.

[The Phinney Neighborhood Association](#) is looking for a Tool Library Coordinator Substitute. The deadline to apply is September 12.

[The Pierce County Library System](#) is searching for a Senior Collection Management Librarian. The deadline to apply is September 19.

[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

### How Can Your Library Participate in NaNoWriMo?

*National Novel Writing Month* (NaNoWriMo) is a nonprofit event that encourages kids and adults to tackle the challenge of writing a novel in November. Launched in 1999, NaNoWriMo inspires its 300,000+ participants with pep talks, a huge and supportive online community, and a host of web-based writing tools.

[The Young Writers Program](#) (YWP) offers an educator-friendly version of NaNoWriMo for kids and teens. In 2014, more than 100,000 students and educators participated.

[The Come Write In program](#) provides free resources to libraries, community centers, and local bookstores to build writing havens in your neighborhood. On November 1, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a



Only five days left to take advantage of Early Bird rates! Join us October 14-15 at Highline College for a full day of [Preconference Workshops](#) on Friday and the unconference style day of learning on Saturday, [featuring six themed tracks of Sessions](#) where participation is encouraged and welcomed. You also won't want to miss our two keynote speakers, [Steve Hargadon](#) and [John Schu](#). **[Don't delay, get your registration in today!](#)**

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### A WALE of a Story & Business Breakfast at the 2016 WALE Conference



Love a good story? Come hear the tale of Brianna Hoffman, and how active participation in WALE led her to become a librarian, and eventually to be elected as the current President of the WA Library Association. Brianna began by serving on several WLA committees, including acting as a Chairperson for the 2012 WALE Conference. Following two years as a WLA Board Director, she began her Presidential term in April of this year. During her 12 years in public libraries, Brianna has worked in many frontline positions, and she received her MLS from Emporia State University in 2013. Brianna is incurably curious and a pop culture enthusiast. When she's not doing reader's advisory or providing research assistance at the Richland Public Library, she may be found traveling with her family to places she's never been, or working on her crow pose in the yoga studio.

deadline, NaNoWriMo is for *anyone* who has ever thought about writing a novel. 1,012 libraries, bookstores, and community centers across the nation opened their doors to novelists through the [Come Write In program](#) in 2015.

Additionally, volunteers called [Municipal Liaisons](#) (MLs) in more than 600 regions organize local writing events and get-togethers that transform novel-writing into an achievable and fun community endeavor.

Our local groups are always on the lookout for places to gather and write. While cafes can be crowded and expensive, and homes can rarely accommodate large writing groups, libraries are the perfect hub for these grassroots communities of writers. Libraries that have opened their doors to NaNoWriMo groups in the past have seen some wonderful and unexpected results.

Learn more in the [NaNoWriMo Library Outreach Guide](#).

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## 2nd Annual Historical Zine Contest – Make Washington History Come Alive!

Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Historical Zine Contest. Participants are asked to create a Zine about some aspect of Washington History using primary resources.

Entries will be accepted from four age groups:

- Grades 4-6
- Grades 7-9
- Grades 10-12
- Adults of all ages

Entries will be accepted from September 1 - December 15, 2016. See the [Zine webpage](#) for more information and a video about how to make a zine. Questions? Contact Judy Pitchford at [judy.pitchford@sos.wa.gov](mailto:judy.pitchford@sos.wa.gov).

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## Letters About Literature Contest Opens

The annual Letters About Literature contest has begun! 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.

[Learn more about the conference and register here.](#)

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## The Learning Curve

### Mining the Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual for Adult Programming Ideas

Need adult programming ideas? The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manual has a section which allows adult programming to tie in with the summer reading programs which the youth services staff are presenting. The program will review some adult programming ideas from past summer reading programs. The new 2017 manual will be out in the early part of 2016 fall.

This webinar will take place on Tuesday, September 13, from 9:00 – 10:00 am PDT. It has been rescheduled so as not to conflict with the Labor Day Holiday.

Click here for [Instructions and Login for First Tuesdays session](#). Questions? Please contact Carolyn Petersen at [carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov](mailto:carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov).

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 others may listen at their convenience.

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## ALA Now Accepting Applications for 2017 Student Scholarships

The American Library Association (ALA) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. They include scholarships for students who are interested in Children's Librarianship, Youth Librarianship, Federal Librarianship, new media and Library Automation. In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

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 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](mailto:crystal.lentz@sos.wa.gov) or 360-704-5275.

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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.

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must attend a master's level program in library and information science that has been accredited by the ALA. Take a look at the [application and instructions](#) and get started working on your application now.

The scholarship process is open annually from September through March. For more information, visit the ALA [Scholarship page](#) or call the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4279.