



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

October 4, 2017

On this day: In 1883, the Orient Express departs on its first official journey from Paris to Istanbul.

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Making Headlines

WLA Elections Winners Announced!



We're thrilled to announce the winners of the WLA Elections! Below are your 2018 Board, Division, and Section leaders. Thank you to everyone who voted, and to all of the candidates for participating!

Board Positions

Vice President/President-Elect – **Rhonda Gould**
Board Director, Public Library Division Rep – **Chris Skaugset**
Board Director, School Library Division Rep – **Dave Sonnen**
Board Director, Special Libraries Division Rep – **Joe Olayvar**
PNLA Representative – **Linda Johns**
Board Secretary/Treasurer – **Kim Hixson**

Division Positions

ALD Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – **Christina Pryor**
ALD Member at Large – **Jenny Muilenburg**
PLD Chair – **Amber Williams**
PLD Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – **Sonia Gustafson**
PLD Secretary/Communications – **Elizabeth Koenig**
ScLD Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – **Ann Hayes-Bell**
SpLD Chair – **Danielle Miller**
SpLD Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – **Rob Mead**
SpLD Secretary/Communications – **Cadi Russell-Sauve**

Section Positions

CAYAS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – **Whitney Winn**
CAYAS Position #1 – **JJ Higgins**
CAYAS Position #3 – **Elizabeth Doenges**
LISS Chair - Shannon Adkins – **Shannon Adkins**
LISS Secretary/Communications – **Emely Perez**
WALE Chair – **Warren Chin**
WALT Chair – **Brian Haight**
WALT Program Chair – **Elizabeth Oder**

Look Who's Hiring



North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#). Applications close October 20.

Eastern Washington University is seeking a [Collection Maintenance Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Community Library Supervisor II](#). The position is open until filled.

The University of Washington, Bothel is seeking a [Southeast Asia Library Specialist](#). Applications close October 19.

[The Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also 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

Apply Today: Bringing Open Data Home Through Public Libraries

Local, state and federal governments are releasing data - the public's data - in new ways. They're making it open, accessible, and reusable. Organizations with large budgets and individuals with advanced technical skills will know how to find and use this information to their advantage.

Conference Communiqué

Call for Volunteers!

Are you planning to attend the 2017 WLA Conference? Make the most of your experience and sign up to be a volunteer!

There are several different ways to get involved, while still getting the most out of your conference experience.

- Want to network with friends and colleagues? Help us at the registration desk, the WLA Information Table, or an event as a ticket taker.
- Want to make sure there is room for you at a specific conference session? Volunteer as a session room monitor.
- Like to crunch numbers and sharpen your math skills? You can help tabulate evaluations after the conference!
- Want to practice your photography skills? We need roving photographers to take pictures at the receptions.

To volunteer, visit the [WLA Conference Volunteer spreadsheet](#), pick a day (or days), pick a task, and pick a time! Volunteers help us make sure the conference runs smoothly, so please consider donating your time and energy to make this year's conference one of our best.

Questions? Get in touch with volunteer coordinators [Reilly Curran](#) and [Elizabeth Bruno](#).

The Learning Curve

Social Justice Education Around Technology (SEAT): Critical Conversations

Last year, two states - California and Washington - won a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to address this issue. Open Data for Main Street has a team of librarians and open data advocates that has created a curriculum that libraries can use to help their communities find, use, and improve open data. They're looking for a diverse set of up to 20 libraries in California and Washington that would like to try the curriculum as a cohort this coming winter and help them improve it. They'll also provide a Train-the-Trainer for all beta testers in January 2018. Funding is available for a limited number of libraries that may need financial support to pilot the curriculum.

Interested? [Apply here](#) by November 1. Questions? Contact [Will Saunders](#).

Open Data for Main Street will also be at the 2017 WLA Conference as an [Exhibitor](#) and as the host of a [Lunch & Learn workshop](#)!

Disaster Relief for Caribbean islands, Mexico, and Puerto Rico

The American Library Association (ALA) and the library community are supporting response and recovery efforts for libraries damaged by Hurricane Maria and the recent earthquake in Mexico through the ALA [Disaster Relief Fund](#).

"We extend our thoughts and prayers to everyone who has been affected by Hurricane Maria and the earthquake in Mexico," said ALA President Jim Neal. "We encourage our members to consider donating to the ALA Disaster Relief Fund to help support recovery and rebuilding of libraries affected by both natural disasters as well as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma."

Accepting Applications for WLA Graduate Study Scholarships

There are less than two weeks left to submit your application for the 2018 WLA graduate study scholarship!

WLA will award one [Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#) this year to a WLA member enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLIS degree program who has completed at least one semester or quarter. The scholarship will be \$3,000. Applicants are evaluated based on demonstrated potential for leadership in the profession and commitment to libraries and



With the evolution of communication, how do we respond when discussing digital technologies? How are people and their personal choices about technology respected? Have a SEAT at the table. Let's engage, critically, with the individual and institutional ways that show we care across differences, and let's model that caring for others. This interactive workshop will include three components: a) setting the context research to praxis; b) WorldCafé style conversations to uncover potential sites of violence as we work across boundaries; and c) actionable items.

Join us Wednesday, November 1 for this preconference workshop at the 2017 WLA Conference. Check out all of our [workshop descriptions](#), and [register here](#).

Bilingual Storytimes: Reaching Through the Language Barrier

As library clientele becomes more diverse, so must programming. The good news is that you already have the skills and access to the resources you need to research, plan, and deliver targeted programming in languages other than English. In free this webinar, you'll learn how to adapt your current storytimes for Spanish/English storytimes. You can use this same process to deliver storytimes in any language. [Register here](#).

WebJunction's free, online course catalog has 50 self-paced, online courses on library topics, as well as over 185 curated webinar recordings ready and available when you are. [Explore the catalog today!](#)

Pave the Way Conference

library service.

Applications will be accepted from September 11 – October 16, and the winner will be announced October 23. Scholarship winners will be recognized November 3 during the WLA Business Lunch & Awards Meeting at the [2017 WLA Conference](#). We'll also recognize [last year's scholarship winner, Sunny Kim!](#)

[Visit our website](#) for more information and to download the application. Please forward this information to any students who might be interested.

Grant Project: Targeting Autism

The [Targeting Autism](#) grant project is seeking librarians and disabilities stakeholders who would be interested in participating in a future Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant proposing to develop libraries as community anchors in serving individuals and families with hidden disabilities. The project plan will be to organize multi-stakeholder teams from across the nation to receive training in a variety of formats beginning with one intensive three-day, in-person workshop.

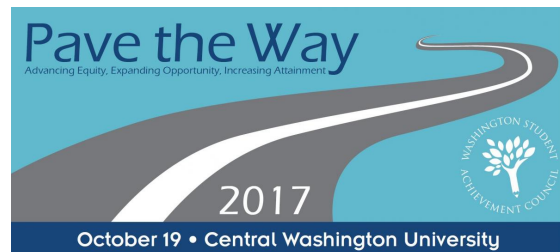
They are looking for individuals employed within the library profession, disabilities services providers, or self-advocates who would be interested in participating in this future initiative. Please send an email Suzanne Schriar, indicating your interest. Include a brief statement about why you think this training initiative is important.

NW Center for Excellence in Media Literacy Seeks Teacher Librarian

The [NW Center for Excellence in Media Literacy](#) at the UW Experimental Education Unit is looking for a teacher-librarian interested in joining their advisory board.

The board meets in Seattle at the University of Washington once a month. They're seeking someone who would be interested in brainstorming ideas for developing projects, activities, and/or resources on which Action for Media Education (AME) might collaborate with teacher librarians.

Interested? Email [Marilyn Cohen](#) for more information.



Is your library working to help advance student achievement? Registration is open for the [2017 Pave the Way conference](#) set for October 19 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

The annual conference, organized by the Washington Student Achievement Council, focuses on strategies to advance equity, increase college readiness, and broaden access to higher education in Washington. Pave the Way aims to ensure students receive the support they need to succeed, regardless of income, race, or other potential barriers.

The conference brings together educators, policymakers, and community partners from across the education system, from preschool through college. It features interactive group sessions and offers workshops focused on policy and practice in college and career readiness, culturally responsive teaching and learning, student transitions, collective impact, and more.

PLA 2018 Preconference: Stand Up for Health

Thinking of attending the 2018 PLA conference? The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) is holding a preconference session on Tuesday, March 20 from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

“Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community” This preconference will review core competencies of providing health and wellness services, coach you through understanding your community’s needs, and explore how to create fun and informative health-related programming for different age groups and special populations. A limited number of stipends will be available for this preconference. Applications will be available no later than October 16. Attendees who register before October 16 will be sent information about how to apply. Learn more about this event [here](#).

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.

WASCLA Summit in Wenatchee

The Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA) invites you to join them on Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14 for WASCLA's 12th Language Access Summit, Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality, at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The WASCLA Summit is Washington's only multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to identifying language access barriers and sharing resources to improve access to services for LEP and Deaf individuals. Learn more and register [here!](#)

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