



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

December 13, 2017

On this day: In 1928, the clip-on tie is invented.

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## **Making Headlines**

### **WLA Finance Committee Restructures Dues**

The WLA Finance Committee (FC) has finished their work on assessing and restructuring WLA membership dues as part of the recent Bylaw updates. This has taken the better part of a year involving a great deal of research and communication with other ALA State Chapter Associations and our various WLA Division members and groups. The last WLA membership dues restructure was undertaken in 2011-12.

Here are several exciting changes resulting from the new dues structure:

- All WLA Sections are now free! If you would like to add Sections to your WLA membership, you may use [this form](#).
- For their first year of membership, all Student members will be added to all four WLA Divisions for no additional charge.
- No Individual member dues will increase.
- Most Organizational member dues will decrease.
- There is now just one formula for all Organizational members.

Stay tuned for more details soon from the WLA Finance Committee. Questions? [Email the WLA office](#).

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**Tell the FCC to Save Net Neutrality**

BECAUSE ISPs SHOULDN'T HAVE VIPs.

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Tomorrow, December 14, the FCC is expected to vote on a proposal from Chairman Ajit Pai that would roll back the net neutrality protections established in 2015. [Tune in](#) from 7:30 – 9:30 am PT to watch the live webcast of the meeting.

Earlier this month, the conveners of the Critical Pedagogy Summit at the University of Washington iSchool [released this statement](#) regarding the importance of net neutrality: “Maintaining net neutrality is a social equity issue. It is an economic class issue. It is an education and knowledge access issue. All of these issues are known to be tied to systemic oppressions – they ARE the definition of systemic oppression.”

According to ALA, thousands of calls and emails have been sent from across the country, including nearly 37,000 emails using their library-specific action alert. ALA also is one of more than 150 groups that have signed a [joint letter](#) to House and Senate committee leaders.

It's not too late to lend your voice to the support of net neutrality. You can still contact your House and State representatives [here](#). ALA has [created some suggested tweets or Facebook posts](#) to use on December 13 and 14.

## Look Who's Hiring



Renton School District is seeking a [Part-Time Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

North Kitsap School District is seeking an [Elementary Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Finance and Business Director](#). The position is open until filled.

Grays Harbor College is seeking an [Associate Dean for Library and e-Learning](#). Applications close January 7.

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

## Conference Communiqué

Teacher-Librarian Summit at NCCE  
Conference



[The Northwest Council for Computer Education \(NCCE\) Conference](#) is coming to Seattle on February 14 – 16, featuring a [Teacher-Librarian Summit!](#) Join [Heather Lister](#), national speaker and blogger on maker education, educational technology, and innovative leadership and NCCE's Morgen Larsen. Heather will kick off the day with her opening keynote, “Brand Your Library: More than a Logo!” Hands-on activities will be interwoven throughout the day. You will have an opportunity to tap into your creativity by exploring flexangle poetry and develop your own brand as you design your upcycled book bag. You will be immersed in strategies to

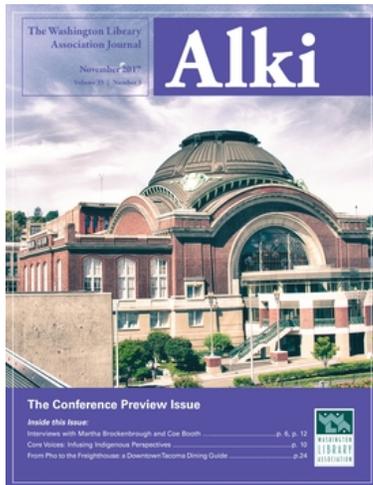
frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

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.

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## News & Notes

### Alki Accepting Submissions



It's time to submit articles to the next issue of *Alki*! The theme for Spring 2018 is "Walls and Bridges." How do your services, programs or policies build bridges to underserved or unreached populations? Are your physical walls a barrier, a refuge, or both? Are you or your colleagues doing fantastic work to cross chasms (financial, educational, cultural) or preserve stories and information that might otherwise be lost? Or do you have an architectural or design project at your library that incorporates innovative interpretations of bridges or walls?

Please send your article idea(s) to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the Spring issue is Friday, February 9, 2018. Please see the Instructions for Contributors for more details. Sheri Boggs, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles

identify fake news and enhance your student's digital citizenship and media literacy skills. They will wrap up the day with an EdCamp-style Trending TL's activity.

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## The Learning Curve

### Early Advance Registration for ALA Midwinter Closes Today

Planning to attend ALA Midwinter in Denver, CO? Register today by 9:59 am PT to get the [Early Advance registration rate](#).

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### Emotional Intelligence Workshops

Work that is focused on public service can be both rewarding and costly. Being mindful of our own work narrative and understanding how we deal with conflict are two key areas that require our attention. Participants in this three-hour workshop will learn how to: identify and adjust their self-talk; understand their personal work mission; develop awareness of cycles of conflict; and improve clarity and effectiveness of communication.

Registration is now open for "[Self-Talk and Emotional Intelligence: Improving your Work Narrative](#)." Workshops are offered January through March 2018 in Vancouver, Tacoma, Marysville, Seattle, and Richland.

This workshop is sponsored by the Washington State Library and is funded in part by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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### ALA Call for Presenters

The [ALA New Members Round Table](#) President's Program Committee seeks potential speakers for an in-person preconference program at ALA Annual 2018 (New Orleans, LA) on the theme of authenticity and the library profession. In this preconference workshop, we will examine the presidential theme of "You Belong Here" by considering ways in which libraries and the library profession can create more inclusive environments that encourage individuals to bring their whole selves to their work and addresses imposter syndrome.

If you'd be interested in helping to lead this

that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

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### **Washington State Library Seeks Temporary Training Coordinator Appointment**

Feel like a new adventure? Want to reset your batteries with a temporary, six-month job change that will help you understand the landscape of Washington State Libraries from a high-level view? You will return to your job with new knowledge and enthusiasm. The Washington State Library is looking for a temporary appointment (Training Coordinator/Library Consultant). Learn more about the position [here](#).

If you haven't seen [Mary Campbell's article in A/ki](#) about serving in this position, please check it out. Her article starts on page 20.

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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.

conversation in the preconference, [please fill out the form to describe your ideas and interest](#). ALA would especially like to hear from applicants from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, and have no requirements for previous national speaking experience. Please submit your statement of interest by Friday, January 5. All applicants will be notified by the end of January.

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### **From Tots to Teens: STE(A)M-Powered Ideas for Programming**

Whether you're already full steam ahead with STE(A)M programming in your library or not sure how to get started or somewhere in between, there's something for you in this webinar. The presenters—"The Heathers"—are passionate about creating engaging and skill-building STE(A)M programs for kids from preschool age to teenage. Find out what to look for in a good program and hear their top picks for programs for each age range. Learn some tips, tricks, and useful resources. Get inspired—you don't need to be a scientist or engineer to have fun exploring and learning with the kids in your library. [Register here!](#)

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