



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

March 1, 2017

On this day: in 1790, the first United States census is authorized by President George Washington.

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Making Headlines

A Message from Past President, Darcy Brixey, on Attending Library Legislative Day, Thursday, March 16



I'll admit it. Over the years it sounded boring. I felt like it would just be a repeat of those government classes I slept through in high school. I've attended for several years now and I've been not only impressed at how well it was run, but that it is fun! I've taken my kids along with me and will continue to do so. It's a great way to see government in action and to show them how we can all play a part. It's very gratifying to speak to representatives on behalf of libraries. They and their staff are all very open and kind. While it is not required that you make an appointment with your legislators, doing so will ensure you get some good time to sit down with them. I was timid for many years because I felt that it would be like making cold sales

calls. It didn't feel like this at all. The opening remarks from WLA lobbyists Carolyn Logue and Steve Duncan give participants some talking points to get started. You will also be in small groups with other library staff and/or patrons so it isn't quite so intimidating. If it were so scary I wouldn't be bringing my children along. Last year my daughter even got to sit in the governor's chair. (She was impressed by that and by the capitol building gift shop!) [Please register for this free event by clicking here.](#)

Please join WLA and our lobbyists on March 16 to show our legislators that libraries are meaningful in our communities. If you can make the trip to Olympia for Library Legislation Day I look forward to seeing you there!

Look Who's Hiring



The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a [Library Consultant \(LAP4\)](#). The deadline to apply is March 29.

[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

ALA Emerging Leader Survey Deadline Extended to March 8

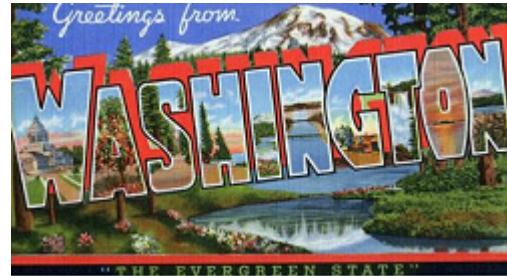
Do you know of a public library system that is a leader in staff equity, diversity, and inclusion? [Please complete this survey](#) by March 8.

Your help is needed! ALA Emerging Leaders 2017 Team A is excited to work on advancing diversity and wants to do our best to ensure we have fair representation from public libraries across the nation. We aim to identify organizations that are exemplary in the field and report on the lessons learned from their successes and challenges. Any information collected in this survey will be considered "best practices" and shared in PLA publications and continuing education.

We are looking for libraries with unique and forward thinking diversity initiatives related to recruitment, professional development, promotion, and mentoring within our profession. Thank you and feel free to share the survey with anyone who may have a

Conference Communiqué

Learn Local! Seattle Registration is OPEN!



Registration is now open for our inaugural [Learn Local! Seattle Conference](#), on Friday, April 7. Session and workshop descriptions will be posted later this week but don't let that stop you from registering now to take advantage of WLA Member Early Bird Rates!

Learn Local! Is a new approach to conferences that WLA is offering in the form of three separate, one-day events this April, and we are excited to offer more local, affordable options for continuing education for our members and the WA library community at large. We are especially grateful to our three site sponsors, The Seattle Public Library, Yakima Valley College, and the Spokane Public Library for serving as the location hosts. Stay tuned for registration for Yakima and Spokane in early March.

Each Learn Local! will have enough variation that you can attend one or all. We look forward to Learning Local with YOU! [Click here for more information and to register](#).

For Learn Local! Seattle, hotel rooms will be available at The Renaissance Seattle Hotel. To make reservations, call 206-583-0300, and state that you are with the "Washington Library Association Conference." [You may also book online at the group rate by clicking here](#). Reservations must be made by March 7 to guarantee pricing and availability.

The Learning Curve

Register Now for LLOPS' Unique Perspectives in Law & Librarianship Spring

library system of mention. We encourage any questions or comments you may have.

Regards,
ALA Emerging Leaders Team A
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FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Youth Preparedness Council

WASHINGTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that it is seeking applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council. FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council was formed in 2012 to bring together teens from across the country who are interested and engaged in advocating for preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, efforts in making a difference in their communities, and potential to expand their impact as national advocates for preparedness. Students in 8th through 11th grade are eligible to apply. [Please click here for more information](#). The deadline for applications is March 31.

Call for Public Library Survey Participation for "Let's Move! Libraries"

A new project, "[Let's Move! Libraries](#)," provides information on movement-based programs in public libraries throughout North America (think yoga/tai chi/Zumba in the library, StoryWalks, music and movement, walking groups, etc.). The overall goal of this project is to strengthen work already underway in public libraries that seeks to get our communities up and moving.

Let's Move! Libraries needs your help in this project. If you work in a public library in Washington, please consider taking a few minutes to fill out a short survey about any programs or services your library provides, has provided in the past, or is planning to provide in the future. [Please click here to take the survey](#).

Vote for Washington State's Doodle 4 Google Winner!

Conference

Please join the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) on March 24 to network with colleagues and explore themes of effective communication from the unique perspectives of a news librarian who presents data to the masses, legal educators who collaborate with legal professionals from Afghanistan, and an expert in human-computer interaction and design. [See flyer for more information](#).

Speakers include:

- [Gene Balk, FYI Guy for *The Seattle Times*](#)
- Alice Stoke, Co-Director of [UW LESPA](#)
- Tina Ching, [SU School of Law Director of Marketing & Communications/Associate Librarian](#)

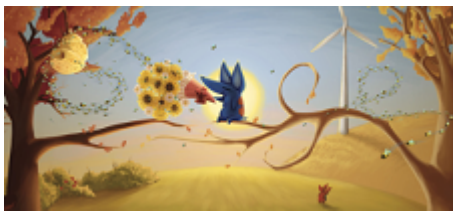
[Registration ends March 17](#). For more information, please contact the LLOPS Professional Development Committee Chair, [Brenna Louzin](#).

Privacy Literacy at Your Library

Our offline lives are no longer separate from our online identities. Many people are unaware of how their information is being used, what they have control over, or how to have safe online interactions. San José Public Library's [Virtual Privacy Lab](#) has developed a seven-module customized learning experience for library patrons, in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The modules guide users through topics such as social media and security, and provide personalized tips, links and resources that enable them to feel safe and confident online. This privacy literacy resource is available for everyone, so learn how you can utilize the online Virtual Privacy Lab with the populations you serve at your library.

This free webinar is part of a series highlighting the work of recent [LJ Movers & Shakers](#) and is hosted in collaboration with [Library Journal](#). It will take place on Tuesday, March 7, 12:00pm PST. [Please click here to register](#).

Presented by: Erin Berman, Innovations Manager, San José Public Library (CA), and [2016 Library Journal Mover & Shaker](#).



The School Library Division has exciting news! Isabel Marsh, a student at Lake Stevens High School, was surprised last week as the Washington state winner of the national Doodle 4 Google contest! Isabel's gorgeous artwork depicts nature and the importance of protecting bees. She created her artwork digitally using PhotoShop.

[You can vote for Isabel's piece to become the national winner by clicking here.](#) Please help spread the word!

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.

The Wing Luke Museum's Year of Remembrance

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans. They were charged with no crime. The cause of their imprisonment was their ancestry.

On view through February 11, 2018, [this exhibition](#) recognizes the 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066, and explores historic and contemporary issues of racism, discrimination and human rights.

The inspiration for the exhibition came from "Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner," a book of poems by Lawrence Matsuda and artwork by Roger Shimomura. [Check out the resource list](#) and make time to visit the exhibit... and encourage others to do the same.

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