



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1928, Madame Tussaud's waxwork exhibition opens in London.

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Making Headlines

Digital Citizenship Bill Signed into Law



Last year, Washington Library Association School Division members Shana Ferguson, Linda Illman, Sharyn Merrigan, Mark Ray, and Art Spencer participated on an [OSPI task force](#) directed by the Legislature to develop best practices and recommendations for instructions in digital citizenship, Internet safety, and media literacy. [ESSB 5449](#) is the first result of that work, putting into place several of the recommendations.

Thank you to Senator Marko Liias (D-District 21), the prime sponsor of this bill and our partners in its passage – WSSDA, OSPI, and the Center for Media Literacy. Thank you to WLA lobbyist Carolyn Logue (standing to the right of Senator Liias) for lobbying for school libraries so effectively.

Look Who's Hiring



The Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Operations Manager](#). The deadline to apply is May 8.

The Spokane Valley Library District is hiring an [Executive Director](#). The recruitment is open until filled, and preference will be given to applications received by May 15.

[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

And the 2017 WCCPBA Award Goes to...

This year 123,621 students voted statewide for the [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#), and the results are in! The winner of the 2016-2017 WCCPBA Award is *Mummy Cat* by Marcus Ewert and illustrated by Lisa Brown.

Stay tuned as the committee updates the [WCCPBA wiki](#) with fun charts and graphs where you can show how students voted across the great state of Washington.

Celebrate National Volunteer Week

Be sure to thank the volunteers in your library this week! Libraries and communities across the country are celebrating National Volunteer Week (4/23-4/29), including the president in [the annual proclamation](#). Many Washington counties and cities will also hold proclamations to thank volunteers for being an indispensable part of their communities.

In Washington libraries, volunteers are indispensable. At Fort Vancouver Regional

Conference Communiqué

Learn Local! Yakima is This Friday



[Learn Local! Yakima](#) is fast approaching! Our Learn Local! Seattle conference was a smashing success, and we're excited to see what a change of location will bring.

Online conference registration is now closed, but you can still register on-site at Yakima Valley College this Friday, April 28. Come join us for a day packed with local learning and networking!

The Learning Curve

PNLA Conference Registration Is Live

You can now register to attend the [2017 PNLA Conference](#) in Post Falls, Idaho! The conference will be held August 2-4, at the Templin's Red Lion River Resort on the Spokane River, just across the border from Spokane and ten miles from Lake Coeur d'Alene. Check out their [fantastic lineup](#) of conference speakers and programs.

Free Webinar: Build a Better Summer Library Program

This Thursday, April 26, 11:00am – 12:00pm PDT, the Public Library Association is offering a free webinar on "[Using Project Outcome to Measure & Build a Better Summer Library Program](#)."

This free webinar will cover good practices for administering Project Outcome surveys for summer reading programs. Learn what other libraries have done to successfully gather outcome data about summer learning and why standardized summer program outcomes are so important.

Library, for example, nearly 1,600 volunteers give nearly 32,000 hours of their time each year. A huge thank you to library volunteers!

2018 WLA Book Award Nominees

The 2018 [Sasquatch Award](#) and [Otter Award](#) nominees have been announced! Take a look at the [WLA Book Award pages](#) to read up on the recent award winners and all the wonderful books vying for next year's awards.

ALA Council Actions at Midwinter

Below are some of the action highlights from [2017 ALA Midwinter](#) Meeting Council in Atlanta, Georgia.

- Revised Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons
- Resolution Protecting Families and Caretakers
- Revision of the ALA Strategic Direction to add a fourth Strategic Direction on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Annual Conference Remodel
- ALA-accredited MLIS for the ALA Executive Director Position

To learn more, you can take a look at the [council actions](#) and [council documents](#).

Library Snapshot Week Results

Thank you to the libraries that submitted their photos to the #WALibrarySnapshot campaign! Together, these snapshots give a look into the incredible and varied work being done in Washington libraries, from coding classes to birdwatching and even a Comicon. Check out the submissions [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.

CampCSTP: A Teaching Summer Training Event

Interested in developing skills of Teacher Leadership? At the [Center for the Strengthening of the Teaching summer training event CampCSTP](#), you can work with expert trainers to develop your skills of teacher leadership, advocacy, and/or writing.

This week-long teacher leadership professional learning opportunity will take place July 17-21, 2017, at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Three sessions will be offered during the week and teachers can pick and choose or attend the whole week. Email Sarah Applegate, CSTP's Director of Teacher Leadership and Learning with any questions.

Calling BS in the Age of Big Data

After UW iSchool Assistant Professor Jevin West and Biology Professor Carl Bergstrom published a free syllabus online for a course idea, they had an overwhelming response from around the country. The course, "[Calling B.S. in the Age of Big Data](#)," has now been turned into an official UW class—and was booked up within one minute after registration began!

Even if you can't be there in person, anyone can have access to the viral course for free to learn about the tools to look critically at scientific claims driven by data and machine learning. You can still access the [B.S. Syllabus](#), class materials, and case studies. The lectures are also being posted on the iSchool's YouTube channel.

Free Webinar: Immigrant Services

In the webinar "[Beyond the Welcome Sign: Tailoring Immigrant Services for Success](#)," you can learn strategies from two Library Journal "Movers & Shakers" who help new immigrants feel welcomed by library and community. The webinar will be on Thursday, May 11, 12pm - 1pm PDT.
