



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1595, *Nomenclator*, the first printed catalog of an institutional library, is published by Leiden University Library.

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Making Headlines

Accepting Nominations for WLA Merit Awards



There are some creative, resourceful and hard-working library staff in our state. Now is the time to show them your appreciation. All WLA awards nominations are now live. **All nominations must be received by July 1.** Visit the [WLA Merit Awards](#) page to learn more about our Association, Division, and Section awards and to find nomination forms and criteria.

Look Who's Hiring

Conference Communiqué

ALA Annual Conference in Chicago



Primary Source is seeking an [Administrative Coordinator](#). The position is open until filled.

Washington State University is seeking a [Digital Infrastructure and Preservation Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Franklin Pierce Schools has two job openings for an [Elementary Information Technology Specialist \(Librarian\)](#). The positions are open until filled.

The Tacoma School District is seeking a [Middle School Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Eton School in Bellevue is seeking a [Library Assistant](#). The position is open until filled.

[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

Introducing "Milestones": A New Column in *Alki*

[Alki](#) is retiring the "Communique" column and replacing it with a new column called "Milestones."

Milestones will focus on significant moments for libraries statewide - recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Frank Brasile](#), *Alki* editor.

SLA's Quarterly Library Crawl



There's still time to [register](#) for the ALA 2017 Annual Conference and Exhibition! This year's conference will be held June 22-27 in Chicago. Featured speakers include:

- Reshma Saujani
- Gene Luen Yang
- Sandra Uwiringiyimana
- Sarah Jessica Parker
- Brené Brown
- Ron Chernow
- Andy Weir
- Bill Nye & Gregory Mone
- Hillary Rodham Clinton

Check out the [conference website](#) for more information about registering, booking rooms, and arranging travel.

The Learning Curve

NaNoWriMo's Youth Summer Writing Program

This summer, National Novel Writing Month ([NaNoWriMo](#)) is excited to offer libraries the resources and support to lead a youth Summer Writing Program filled with NaNoWriMo's unique blend of creativity, grit, and seat-of-your-pants fun. Participants of all ages will choose projects they care about, set ambitious goals, get daily feedback on their progress, and receive support from an international community of fellow writers, all participating in Camp NaNoWriMo's July session together.

You can [download the resources](#), which include the following:

- Introductory Letter for librarians and community leaders
- Program Flyer for display
- Introductory Letter and FAQs for interested participants
- Writing Project Cover Page for participants
- Independent Progress Trackers for participants
- Group Progress Poster for display

Join the [Special Library Association](#) for their quarterly Library Crawl at the Washington [Talking Book and Braille Library](#) in Seattle. The WTBBL is a specialized public library serving individuals in Washington who are unable to read standard print material.

The free event takes place Friday, June 9 from 4 to 7pm, at 2021 9th Ave (corner 9th & Lenora). Some parking will be available in the WTBBL garage, and the building is two blocks from the transit stops at Westlake and Denny. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to [Laura Grove](#).

Patricia Cutright Retirement Party

Come celebrate of the retirement of Dean Patricia Cutright on June 5 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the [Dakota Café](#) in Ellensburg.

Patricia Cutright is currently dean of libraries at Central Washington University and served as director of libraries at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and Eastern Oregon University.

If you are unable to attend but wish to contact Patricia directly, please find her contact information below.

Phone: [\(509\) 963-1901](tel:509-963-1901)
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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.

- Plus a rich collection of digital resources available through [NaNoWriMo](#), [Camp NaNoWriMo](#), and the [Young Writers Program](#).

Free Webinar: Maintaining the Momentum

Now, more than ever, it is essential to keep libraries visible to federal, state and local decision makers. With National Library Legislative Day behind us and many state legislative sessions drawing to a close, how will your chapter maintain advocacy momentum over the coming months?

Join ALA and their Washington DC Office for an update on Fight for Libraries! Also joining us is Lucinda Nord, Executive Director of the Indiana Library Federation, who will talk about Indiana's ongoing advocacy efforts.

Hear from colleagues and share your chapter's tips and plans during "Maintaining the Momentum," the next Chapter Advocacy Exchange free, one-hour webinar, scheduled for Wednesday, May 24. [Register](#) today!

Web Accessibility Webinar

Tune in May 24 from 12 – 1pm to delve into a few tools that will help you test websites and applications for accessibility. The webinar is free to attend and open to anyone. [Reigster here](#).

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It will be a tough fight for the 2018 budget. Please write your senators and your representatives to keep up the noise and fight for libraries.