



# Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1846, the saxophone is patented by Antoine Joseph Sax

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## Making Headlines

### Call for Nominations for WLA Leadership Positions

Looking for leadership experience to help with your career? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? WLA wants you!

Nominations are now open for all vacant 2018 WLA leadership positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Divisions and Sections Steering Committees. To view all available positions, visit the [WLA Elections page](#). To nominate yourself or someone else, please email the WLA office by Aug 1 at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) with the candidate's name, employer or connection to libraries, email address and phone number.

WLA has been in a period of flux and growth the past two years, and now is a great time to get involved. Help make WLA a place where everyone can belong! [Visit here](#) to learn more about WLA's four Divisions: Academic, Public, School, and Special Libraries. To learn about WLA's ten interest-based Sections, [visit this page](#). Some of our Sections are in danger of being discontinued without fresh leadership to reinvigorate them, including topics of vital relevance in the current landscape of libraries!

#### Timeline\* for WLA elections:

Aug 1: Nominations are due  
Aug 15: Candidate statements are due  
Sept 1-30: Online elections are open to all WLA members  
Oct 2: Winners announced  
Oct 10: WLA leadership Retreat  
Jan 1: New leadership terms begin, running through Dec 31, 2018

*\*This change to the WLA election cycle was made in part to align elected terms with WLA's fiscal year.*

Please send your questions to [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org). Thank you for spreading the word about WLA leadership elections!

Sincerely,

Darcy Brixey, WLA Past President and Elections Coordinator  
Jeanne Fondrie and Kristin Piepho, WLA Section Coordinators

## Look Who's Hiring



The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Library & Archival Professional 4 - Assistant Manager](#). Applications are due July 12.

The Washougal School District is seeking several [Library Media Teachers](#). The positions are open until filled.

Hazen High School is seeking a [Librarian - Secondary](#). 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.

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## News & Notes

### WLA Merit Awards Nominations Deadline Extended

The deadline for nominations for WLA merit awards has been extended to **July 10, 2017**. There are many awards that may not be given this year if there are no nominations. Please consider nominating a colleague or partner for their great work. Nomination is easy. Simply visit the [WLA Merit Awards page](#) for a full list of awards and links to the nomination forms.

If you have questions please contact the WLA office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

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### 2018 Sasquatch Nominees Announced

## Conference Communiqué

### Browse Sessions and Workshops at WLA's Annual Conference this November

[Preconference workshops](#) and [conference sessions](#) have been added to the [2017 WLA Conference](#) pages. Not only with this be WLA's first annual conference in the fall, it will also be four full days of learning, sharing, and networking, and will include an exclusive [Teacher-Librarian Summit](#) all-day Saturday, November 4.

More information and updates will be added to the website weekly, so check back often! Don't forget, registration opens August 7, and you can book rooms at the special conference rate at the Hotel Murano [here](#).

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## The Learning Curve

### Building Community Business Collections

Does your library have valuable business resources that you struggle to share and promote to the community? Do you have big plans for developing meaningful connections with small business owners, professionals, and job seekers in your community but don't know how to get started? [Join us for a free webinar](#) on July 11, 11am-12pm PDT, that will walk you through all of the steps that are integral to taking your connections to the next level through embedded networking and structured library services.

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Understand how embedded business librarianship differs from providing outreach services and why it makes a difference.
- Develop an action plan for making new networks and keeping them connected.
- Create relevant presentations, programming, training, and long-term initiatives that add value to the community.

Sponsored by the Federal Depository Library Program. Speaker: Barbara Alvarez,

Summer is here! Encourage children in grades 4 – 6 to read the hand-selected list of nominees for the 2018 Sasquatch Award over the summer. [Check out our website for the list of books.](#)

There are 12 nominees on the list and after kids read or listen to at least two titles they can vote for their favorite in the spring. The award winner is determined by the title with the most votes.

Stay up to date on future Sasquatch Book Award news, events, and ways to promote the current nominees. We will be adding activities and handouts for nominees on our website. Please email us your contact information to [sasquatchbookaward@gmail.com](mailto:sasquatchbookaward@gmail.com) to be added to our e-mail list.

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### **OSPI to Lead Public Webinars on New Federal Accountability Plan Throughout August**

In August, Washingtonians will have another chance to learn about the state's plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal accountability plan.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is conducting four webinars to provide more information about the ESSA Consolidated Plan's creation, changes from the first draft, and how the public can provide feedback before submission to the U.S. Department of Education in September.

The four ESSA webinars will cover how OSPI has revised the Consolidated Plan since the first public comment period late last year.

The Plan describes how the state will use our new flexibility to support all students and address gaps for students that have been historically underserved by our education system. Additionally, the plan explains the state's accountability system, with a focus on supporting schools that need additional assistance.

There are four webinars scheduled throughout August:

- Tuesday, August 15, 4–6 p.m. ([register](#))
- Saturday, August 19, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. ([register](#))
- Wednesday, August 23, 5–7 p.m. ([register](#))

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### **PubMed for Librarians: Using Evidence-Based Search Features**

Explore MeSH vocabulary and PubMed features that facilitate finding evidence from research. This is a synchronous online session that includes hands-on exercises.

The class will explore Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) used for indexing study design and how they work in PubMed, introduce three PubMed products that facilitate evidence based searching, and demonstrate how to customize My NCBI Filters to quickly locate specific publication types. The class will:

- Explore MeSH vocabulary & PubMed features that facilitate finding evidence from research
- Define “evidence” in the context of literature searching for clinical medicine
- Explain how study design is indexed in MeSH
- Explore PubMed Clinical Queries
- Explore NICHSR Comparative Effectiveness Research Query page
- Explore PubMed Health
- Customize myNCBI Filters to quickly locate specific publication types

The class will be held July 7, 10am-11am PDT. [Click here for class materials and to register.](#)

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### **Zines to the Front**

*Zines to the Front: Building a Library Collection for the People, by the People* is the title of July's First Tuesdays program. Allison Mackey and Kelsey Smith from the Timberland Regional Library system will provide an overview of zines, zine culture, and zine collections in libraries. Topics will include drafting a zine collection proposal for your library, zine acquisitions and cataloging, ziners advisory, and using zines in library programming and outreach. Resources for further exploration of this topic will also be made available.

- July 11, 9:00am PDT
- To connect: [sos.wa.gov/q/FirstT](https://sos.wa.gov/q/FirstT)

First Tuesdays is designed as a continuing-education opportunity for staff of libraries in Washington State. This free web presentation

- Wednesday, August 30, 6–8 p.m. ([register](#))

On August 7, OSPI will release the Plan to Gov. Jay Inslee for review and approval. At that time, it will also be sent to the state Legislature, the State Board of Education, and the public. This will kick off another 30-day period for students, parents, educators, administrators, and the public to register their comments on the Plan. The second round of public comment will be reviewed and submitted to Superintendent Reykdal for final consideration.


To learn more about ESSA in Washington state, visit the [OSPI ESSA website](#).

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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.

allows attendees to share their skills and successes and learn about new topics. The special-subject presentations, lasting about 60 minutes, are recorded so that others may listen at their own convenience. [Past sessions are archived here](#).

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 Happy 4th of July! Please note that the WLA office will be closed on Monday, July 3, in observance of the holiday. Please submit content for next week's WLA Wednesday by this Friday, June 30. Happy Independence Day!

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