



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: In 1848, the first US women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY.

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Making Headlines

The Summer Issue of Alki Is Here!



Social justice issues are front and center for many Washington State libraries. Growing income inequality, an increase in hate crimes and a political climate that threatens our most vulnerable patrons have spurred libraries into action.

In the Social Justice issue, [the summer issue of Alki](#), we hear from public and academic librarians who are leading the fight against "fake news," providing services to marginalized communities like

prisoners and the unhoused, promoting inclusion through diverse readers advisory and the creation of safe spaces, and fostering challenging conversations about the role of libraries in difficult times. [Read it here!](#)

Look Who's Hiring



The Washington State Library is seeking two [Librarians/LAP1 \(2 openings in Olympia\)](#) and a [Youth Services Librarian/LAP3 \(1 opening in Seattle\)](#). Applications are due August 16 and August 9, respectively.

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#). Applications are due August 9.

The Everett Public Library is seeking a [Substitute Librarian](#), part-time, occasional. Applications are due July 26.

Conference Communiqué

Highlights from the 2017 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

The American Library Association hosted its [2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#), June 22-27, in the association's home city of Chicago. The conference was attended by more than 22,700 librarians, library workers, and library supporters who attended 1,800 programs and more than 2,500 events.

Bookmarked by two strong female leaders, the conference officially opened with "Girl's Who Code" Founder Reshma Saujani, who summoned librarians to work purposefully with girls to lead them to 21st Century jobs, and closed with former First Lady and Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Clinton regaled an enthusiastic audience with her escapism method of reading a good book and how she

Fort Vancouver Regional Library/Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Senior Teen Librarian](#). Applications are due August 4.

[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

House Appropriations Committee Votes Today on Library Funding

The House Appropriations Committee has [formally announced](#) that it will meet today, July 18 to debate and vote on the large "Labor-HHS" spending bill approved in Subcommittee last week that preserved IMLS and other key library funding at last year's levels without cuts: a total of \$231 million, with \$183 million for LSTA and \$27 million for IAL.

Thank you to all of the WLA members who used [ALA Action Center](#) and social media to ask our representatives to oppose any proposal to cut library funding when they meet and vote tomorrow.

Please continue to ask the House Appropriations Committee to #SaveIMLS and the crucial funding behind Washington's libraries.

Help Artist Trust Better Support Artists

Each year, Artist Trust gathers thoughts and ideas from Washington State artists to help them better understand the needs and what's going on in the field. Participating in the [Artist Trust Annual Survey](#) helps them improve services to artists, and better advocate for the needs of artists with other communities and organizations locally, regionally, and nationally.

Taking this confidential survey will not impact Artist Trust grant applications in any way. They welcome everyone to share this survey with artist friends, family members, and community. One lucky survey taker will be selected in a random drawing and awarded a prize valued up to \$100. This award can be applied towards the purchase of materials needed for art making.

The 2017 Artist Trust Annual Survey can be [accessed here](#). Responses will be collected until midnight PDT on August 30.

UW iSchool Request to Complete Brief Survey

The Simmons School of Library and Information Science has developed a brief survey to gather input on the skills and

viewed her first library card as a "passport to the world."

The Learning Curve

United States Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference: In Seattle!

Join colleagues from around the world in celebrating children's international books at the 12th annual [USBBY Regional Conference](#) in Seattle October 20-22. Early Bird registration ends this Saturday, July 15.

Included in registration are 2 dinners, 1 lunch, and 3 breaks; a range of exciting and educational book discussions, panels, and storytelling; and local authors and illustrators. Speakers include P.J. Lynch, Sonja Danowski, Pam Munoz Ryan, Jerry Pinkney, Sarah Ellis, Karen Bass, Christy Jordan-Fenton, Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, Sherman Alexie, and Peter Sis.

[Registration](#) is limited to 200 attendees and is filling fast!

Free Webinar: Driving Decisions with Data

How can you ensure your library's goals and initiatives support households in your community? It can be tricky, but with [Analytics On Demand](#), you can add value to your library's existing data and unlock key insights about your community.

[Tune in](#) July 24 at 10:00 am PDT for a free episode of AL Live to find out how to use Analytics On Demand to inform patrons and non-patrons about library services, to market special programs to targeted households, and as a tool to aid managers in understanding their community. With easy-to-run apps, a simple data upload, and interactive dashboard reporting, Analytics On Demand is empowering decision making with data-driven analytics.

Free MIE Teacher Academy Event

On August 7 in Anacortes, you can explore innovative ways Office 365 offers tools such as Office Online, OneNote Class Notebooks, Microsoft Forms, and Sway to transform student learning.

Bring your own device and walk away at the end of the day with the tools and a supportive community to help you on your way to empowering your students to achieve more! You will get the opportunity to explore how these tools can provide your students with learning experiences beyond the four walls of your classroom. [Register here](#).

Intro to Proposal Writing

knowledge areas that are important for MLIS students to distribute to UW iSchool faculty, alumni, students, regional employers, and other supporters in the Pacific Northwest. They will use the results to identify priority areas for curriculum review.

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete [this anonymous survey](#). In the first question, click on "University of Washington iSchool." The survey will be available until August 15.

Proposition 1, Access for All

[Proposition 1, Access for All](#), is on the ballot for King County. If King County voters approve Proposition 1 by August 1, arts, science, and cultural organizations in King County will be able to deepen their current programs and increase the communities they serve.

For example, the Holocaust Center for Humanity will receive somewhere between \$90,000 to \$150,000 annually for seven years, allowing them to fund access to their museum for thousands of students from under-served schools throughout King County and for families and the elderly who cannot visit the museum without assistance.

Learn more about the proposition and its impact on our community [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.

You know how important it is for nonprofits to maximize their funds by spending wisely. But this doesn't mean you have to sacrifice when it comes to professional development. Are you new to proposal writing or looking for a quick refresher? The Foundation Center's free "[Introduction to Proposal Writing](#)" training covers the basics of writing a winning proposal including the dos and don'ts and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no.

The training is available in several formats, including a [brief recorded webinar](#) that captures the key concepts of the course, a [self-paced eLearning online course](#), a [Spanish language introduction](#), and [in-person versions](#) around the country.

Project Outcome Updates Webinar

The Public Library Association's (PLA) [Project Outcome](#) is a free online toolkit designed to help public libraries understand and share the impact of their programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. This webinar will overview the last two years of Project Outcome's development and provide updates on the latest participation numbers, outcome data metrics, library stories, and Task Force work. PLA will also cover planning throughout the rest of the grant period and management of Project Outcome in the future. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their experiences.

[This webinar](#) is free, but registration is required and space is limited. Tune in on Thursday, July 20 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PDT.