



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

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On this day: In 1913, the statue of The Little Mermaid was unveiled in Copenhagen.

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Making Headlines

Candidates for the 2018 WLA Election



Nominations are in! We have some fantastic people from local library communities running for [WLA Board](#), [Division](#), and [Section](#) positions. Visit our [election page](#) to see their smiling faces and read their candidate statements.

Voting runs September 1–30, and winners will be announced October 2. WLA members will only be able to vote for Division and Sections to which they belong. All WLA members will be able to vote for Board positions. Join us on November 1-4 in Tacoma to recognize and welcome the new WLA leadership at the conference!

Look Who's Hiring



Conference Communiqué

Receptions, Banquets, Happy Hours:
Dining at the WLA Conference

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#). The deadline has been extended to August 31.

[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



Jefferson County Library Welcomes Dr. Tamara Meredith As Its New Director

Dr. Tamara Meredith has been named the new Library Director of the Jefferson County Library. Dr. Meredith will assume this new role on October 9.

Alki Seeks School Library Representatives in Editorial Committee

[Alki](#), the Journal of the Washington Library Association, is seeking two committed, engaged library professionals to represent the interest of school librarians statewide as members of the Alki Editorial Committee! The Committee is looking for members who are thoughtful, motivated, curious, and in possession of excellent writing skills. Committee members help brainstorm future issues and contribute content. Editorial Committee members serve a two-year term.

You can take a look at the [current roster](#) and the official duties of the committee, as well as the [current issue](#). Interested? Contact [Frank Brasile](#), Alki Editorial Committee Chair.

In addition to all of the wonderful workshops and programs at the 2017 WLA Conference, we're planning plenty of events for attendees to eat, drink, and be merry!

- The Mad Hatter's Feast
- New Member/First Timer Reception
- Meet & Greet Reception
- Welcome Breakfast & Keynote with ALA President Jim Neal
- Lunch & Learn Workshop: Open Data Learning for Libraries
- Lunch & Learn Workshop: Engage and Inspire Readers of All Ages with the BiblioCore Catalog
- ACRL-WLA Reception
- CAYAS Author Breakfast with Martha Brockenbrough
- WLA Awards Lunch & Business Meeting
- Special Library Division Reception
- President's Reception
- School Library Awards Lunch & Business Meeting with Coe Booth

For the first time, the conference banquet will be included in the cost of registration. "The Mad Hatter Feast" will feature [the Bushwick Book Club](#) performing *Alice in Wonderland*-themed songs.

Hungry yet? Check out [a full list of our keynotes and events on our conference website](#). Don't forget to [register](#)!

The Learning Curve

Up and Running with Open Data Workshop

What is Open Data? How do you use it? This workshop is an introduction to key concepts of working with open data. There will be two breakout session tracts for both beginner and intermediate experience levels. This event is

Libraries Invited to Join Social Media Activity for Banned Books Week

During Banned Books Week (September 24-30), the Office for Intellectual Freedom is inviting libraries and nonprofits to partner with it for the [Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament](#), a Banned Books Week activity that encourages readers to discuss censorship online. Partners receive a digital toolkit, and partner libraries are entered into a drawing for intellectual freedom-themed prizes.

Free Books from the Washington State Library

Thanks to the generosity of Jefferson County Library, the Seattle Public Library Foundation, the Tacoma Public Library and the Walla Walla Public Library, the Washington State Library has books to give away for book club kits or community reads. Usually a minimum order five copies of the same title is required, but due to some special circumstances they are offering a mix-and-match special, minimum of five total books per order.

Nickel & Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich – 29
A Sudden Light, Garth Stein – 259 paperback, 26 hardback, 37 audiobooks
The Singing & Dancing Daughters of God, Timothy Schaffert – 6
The Painter, Peter Heller – 4
The Empathy Exams, Leslie Jamison – 1
The Time In Between, Maria Duenas – 1
Snow Falling on Cedars, David Guterson – 1
The Jump-Off Creek, Molly Gloss – 12
Little Bee, Chris Cleave – 15
Eating on the Wild Side: The Missing Link to Optimum Health, Jo Robinson – 9
The Paris Wife, Paula McLain – 5
Yoga Bitch, Suzanne Morrison – 11

This is first come, first served as there are very limited numbers of some of the titles. Contact [Leanna Hammond](#) with your request. Books will be shipped mid to late September.

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.

meant to grow your knowledge around different aspects of Open Data. Engage with fellow staff members and learn from Open Data leaders. On Wednesday, September 20 from 9:30 am to noon, meet in the Seattle Public Library for this IMLS-funded project in partnership with the University of Washington iSchool. This workshop is free and open to staff from other library systems. [Sign up here.](#)

Where Teens and Technology Meet

HOMAGO (Hanging Out. Messing Around. Geeking Out) is an exploratory learning approach that has been used successfully to engage youth. The Howard County Library System's HiTech Digital Media Lab applies innovative teaching methods based on HOMAGO, demonstrating that teens learn most effectively through hands-on projects and peer-to-peer communications. Check out the self-paced course from WebJunction [here.](#)

Media Market Conference in Portland

[The National Media Market \(NMM\) & Conference](#), October 21–26 in Portland, Oregon, provides professional development to address constantly evolving issues for content acquisition, access, and promotion. This year's intensive topics include digital-era copyright, how to make the most of streaming packages, and effective strategies for marketing media content to your patrons. [Register here.](#)

Readerfest 2017

Join beloved local storytellers and authors from around the world at this free, all-day festival at Magnuson Park in Seattle. The event runs from 1:00 am – 6:00 pm on September 9 and has both indoor and outdoor events for all ages: live music, creative activities for kids, thought-provoking panels with noteworthy authors, and a wealth of diversity in our participants and vendors.

[Readerfest](#) is looking for "Rogue Librarians" (and others) who might be willing to come do a reading or tell a story for a few minutes throughout the afternoon. [Email](#) if you're interested.

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