



Welcome to

WLA Wednesday

April 4, 2018

On this day: In 1928, poet Maya Angelou was born in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Making Headlines

SB 6362: Victory for Washington School Libraries



Last week, Governor Jay Inslee signed [SB 6362](#), which improves on the [McCleary school funding plan](#) that the Washington Legislature approved last year. WLA worked hard to get a line item added to the bill that allocates \$20 per student for "school library materials."

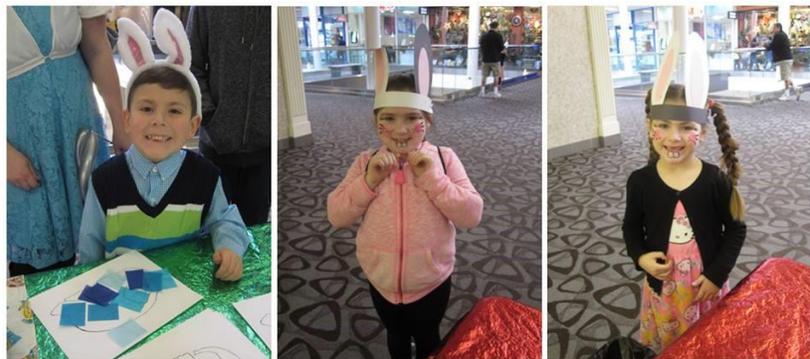
WLA President Craig Seasholes and Executive Director Kate Laughlin were proud to attend the signing alongside educators and library advocates from across the state.

Thank you to everyone who helped achieve this victory: WLA lobbyist Carolyn Logue, John Sheller, Cindy Aden, and the rest of the [WLA Legislative Committee](#); those who showed up in Olympia

for WA Library Legislative Day; EveryLibrary and everyone who contacted their representatives in support of Washington libraries this session. It takes a village!

Washington Library Snapshot Day

#LibrarySnapshot is underway! Congratulations to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District for hopping right to it and posting some great library community activities to [social media](#) to inspire us all



Credit: @fvrlldistrict

These two weeks are your opportunity to show the world a “day in the life” of your library or repository. We want to see photos of your community engagement, of your neat-o displays, of your hard-working staff, and of anything you’d like to commit to film! If you’re not a shutterbug, then send us a “data snapshot” and brag about the number of patrons you’ve served, books circulated, microfiche rewound, cubic feet of artifacts processed, and more!

Choose a day--ANY day--between now and April 15 to highlight existing programming or something new-and-nifty. We love it all! Learn more [here](#).

Look Who's Hiring



Conference Communiqué

2018 WLA Conference: We Want to Hear from YOU!

Do you have an idea for a program or workshop for the 2018 Annual [Washington Library Association Conference](#), October 17-20 at the [Yakima Convention Center](#)?

North Central Regional Library District is seeking a [Library Director](#). The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking a [Librarian Services Manager - Tukwila Library](#). The position closes April 11.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library is seeking a [Senior Branch Supervisor](#) and a [Student and Youth Partnerships Coordinator](#). Both positions close April 17.

The Bethel School District has [three openings](#) for a Teacher - Library Media Specialist at Bethel High School, Spanaway Lake High School, and Frontier Middle School. All positions close April 7.

Pierce College is seeking an [Assistant Professor - Reference & Instruction Librarian](#). The position closes May 6.

Washougal School District has two openings for [Library-Media Specialists](#). Both positions are open until filled.

Central Valley School District is seeking two Elementary Librarians at [Greenacres Elementary](#) and [Adams Elementary](#). Both positions are 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

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month! National Poetry Month was inaugurated by the [Academy of American Poets](#) in 1996. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture.

Do you know someone being a positive agent for change in the library world? Are you approaching old problems with innovative solutions? Do you and your colleagues collaborate in ways that would inspire the rest of us?

WLA wants to highlight fresh ways to strengthen community connections, reach multi-aged audiences, and tackle issues of access and inclusion. We are hoping to expand on topics like resource development and new technology uses that broaden our reach and extend our knowledge. What else are we forgetting to highlight? Submit a proposal and help shape the work of libraries in our state.

Proposals are due Monday, April 16. The person who submitted the proposal will be notified of the outcome by May 8. To submit a program proposal, [please use this form](#). Do you have multiple proposals? Use a new form for each proposal.

Please direct questions to the WLA office at info@wla.org or [\(206\) 823-1138](tel:(206)823-1138). On behalf of the [2018 Conference Committee](#), we look forward to receiving your proposals!

The Learning Curve

Leadership Basecamp: Upskilling for the Next Generation



On May 5, The Seattle Public Library is hosting the *School Library Journal's* Leadership Basecamp – Upskilling for the Next Generation, is a full-day, intensive professional development program designed to foster the next generation of school and youth librarians who are ready to accelerate their path to leadership, and want to upskill to meet their goals. More information and registration is available [here](#).

Join in the celebration by [listing your events](#) and attending other events in your community, displaying this year's [poster](#), participating in [Poem in Your Pocket Day](#), recommending the [Dear Poet](#) project to a young person, signing up to read a [Poem-a-Day](#), and checking out [30 more ways to celebrate](#).

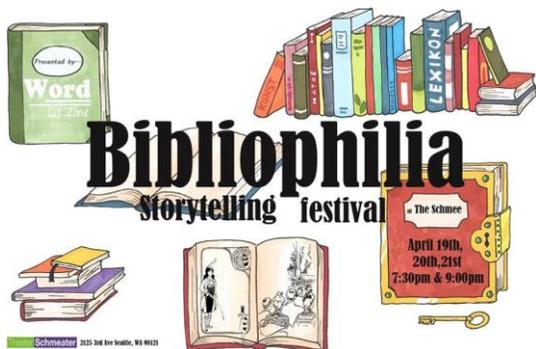
WCCPBA Nominees Announced



We are over the moon to announce the 2018-2019 [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#) nominations!

Take a gander at our new list in the [press release](#) and [summary of the books](#). Over the next few days, information about the books will be uploaded to the website and wiki. Lesson Packets, Fabulous Agenda Board, Booklets, Videos and more will be posted in the next few months.

Bibliophilia Storytelling Festival



Word Lit Zine editor Jekeva Phillips created this storytelling extravaganza, along with Theater Schmeer, in an attempt to breathe

Library Journal Design Institute



[Design Institute](#) is a one-day, hands-on, small group event on library design in Salt Lake City, UT, on April 27. It will be held at Salt Lake County Library and hosted by LJ and Salt Lake County Director Jim Cooper in partnership with the Salt Lake City Library and Director Peter Bromberg.

LJ is offering WLA members a special rate of \$130 per person for the duration of the registration period. (The full rate is \$175 per person.) Please use promo code SLC20 to unlock this rate when registering.

Whether or not their library is selected for a workshop/breakout, participants will be able to sign up for breakouts that spur their own imagination and ideas. Beyond the breakout sessions, the day also features a mix of panels—on designing for changing collections, staff roles, and new services—and speed sessions in which attendees can get answers to their own questions from architects and vendors. There's plenty of time to network with colleagues, as well.

And for those who'd like to join, there's a half-day tour of both city and county libraries on April 26, capped by a reception at Salt Lake City Main library.

Seattle Education Happy Hour with 4.0 Schools

Join the national nonprofit [4.0 Schools](#) on April 12 to learn about opportunities to support people with ideas for how to improve education in Seattle. The first drink is on us and there'll be an opportunity to meet with the 4.0 Team and hear more about their Essentials and Tiny Fellowships, which offer

some life into boring old book fests. Instead of just having people read their carefully arranged fantasies in close proximity to wine and cheese, she's pairing improv actors with regional writers to bring literary works to life. There will be games! Prizes! Special guests! Improvised plays inspired by poems! Dramatic interpretations of real-life stories told by audience members! Other things to get exclamatory about include the excellent headliners (poet Quenton Baker and Hugo House prose writer in residence Sonora Jha), as well as the Bibliophilia Pub Crawl in Belltown, which starts the week before on April 12. Participating bars have mixed up new cocktails inspired by literature, and the proceeds will be used to pay the performers.

The festival runs April 19-21. [Learn more here!](#)

American Library Workers Day

[Nominate](#) a stellar worker for [National Library Workers Day](#), April 10. NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Nominations may come from library users, students, children, colleagues, faculty, or management.

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.

up to \$10,000 for people to test and validate their ideas. RSVP [here](#).

Resource for Teachers: Brooklyn Public Library Teacher Lab

[The Teacher Lab](#) is a free, online information literacy and research skills course designed to help K-12 educators feel more confident finding a variety of text and media for their classrooms.

User-Centered Assessment: Leveraging What You Know and Filling in the Gaps

Whether you're trying to decide how to allocate your library's resources or make the best use of your space, formal assessment tools can guide your decision-making. This session will cover why formal assessments are more effective than anecdotal data, and will help you learn how to plan effective evaluations. You will learn how to use what you already know about your patrons, how to determine what information you still need, and how to formulate questions to get you there.

This webinar is the first in a [three-part series](#) bringing together research and practice from across library sectors, covering the ins and outs of creating, and implementing assessments that provide insightful, actionable data. [Tune in](#) April 24 at 12:00pm.

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