



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 8, 2018

On this day: In 1945, President Harry Truman signs the United Nations Charter.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Nominations for WLA Elections Close Next Week

Want to get more involved with WLA? We're looking for new leaders! Check out the **Elections** page for information on all vacant positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Division and Section steering committees. To nominate yourself or another WLA member, please fill out the **nomination form** by August 15.

All WLA Divisions and Sections have leadership positions open. We're also seeking nominations for these open Board positions:

- Vice President/President-Elect
- Board Director, Academic Library Division Representative
- Board Director, Special Library Division Representative
- ALA Councilor
- Student Representative

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



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### Alki Call for Submissions: Cultivating Community, Harvesting Ideas

It's time to submit articles for the next issue of **Alki**. The Fall 2018 issue is a preview of the WLA Conference in October, on the theme "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas."

The **schedule of sessions** is up on the WLA website and we're anticipating a robust presentation of ideas, techniques, experiences and practices. In addition to preview articles on keynote speakers and conference sessions, we're also looking for stories unique to Yakima (this year's conference location), and articles detailing how your libraries are cultivating community.

Please submit article ideas to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) by August 31, 2018. The deadline to submit articles for the Fall issue is Monday, September 17. See the **Instructions for Contributors** for more

details. Sheri Boggs, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Spruce Elementary, Edmonds School District is seeking a **Teacher Librarian**. The position closes August 16.

Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute (MFWI) is seeking a **Librarian**. The position closes August 10.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking an **Adult Services Librarian**. The position closes August 19.

Odyssey Elementary, Mukilteo School District is seeking a **Librarian**. The position is open until closed.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Science Librarian & Head, Mathematics Research Library**. The position closes September 7.

Renton School District is seeking an **Elementary Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District is seeking a **Library Associate I - Circulation and Technology**. The position is open until filled.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is seeking an **Evaluation Office Project Manager**. The position is open until filled.

The Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) is seeking a **Library Intern**. 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

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**Register Today for the 2018 WLA Conference!**



**Registration** is live for the **2018 WLA Conference!** Be sure to register by September 7 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

When: October 17-20, 2018

Where: Yakima Convention Center

We have a schedule packed full of diverse programs, compelling speakers, and fun events to promote cross-pollination between all types of libraries. This year's conference theme, "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas," honors the bridge-building and innovation happening in and outside of libraries, as well as gives a nod to Yakima's autumnal agriculture.

We hope to see you in Yakima!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

**WLA Preconference Spotlight: Getting Real with Virtual Reality**

If you've ever thought about having programs using Virtual Reality (VR) in your library, here's your chance to learn how. The Washington State Library, the University of Washington's Information School, and a few of the

## Deadline Extended for WLA Merit Awards

The deadline for **WLA Merit Award** nominations has been extended until Wednesday, August 5!

Do you know any individuals or groups that should be recognized for their achievements or contributions to libraries in Washington? Chances are, they qualify for one of the awards below!

- Advances in Library Services
- Outstanding Performance
- Trustee Award
- Friends/Foundation Award
- Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award
- Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award
- Superintendent of the Year Award
- Principal of the Year Award
- Small District/Private School Administrator of the Year Award
- Supervisor of the Year Award
- CAYAS Visionary Service Award
- WALE Outstanding Employee Award
- Emeritus Membership(s)
- Honorary Membership(s)

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## Welcome to Our Newest Organizational Members!



We're excited to have three new organizations join as WLA's newest Organizational Members!

Located just outside of Seattle, **Lake Washington Institute of Technology** (LWTech) was founded in 1949, and is the only public institute of technology in the state of Washington. LWTech offers eight applied bachelor's degrees, 43 associate degrees and

participating libraries from the VR in Libraries project will guide you through a hands-on experience using the Oculus Rift and Oculus GO VR systems and share some of the pros and cons learned from the VR in Libraries project. Participants will come away knowing how to develop their own educational program, how to safely operate a VR system in the library setting, and learn what the VR in Libraries project is and how to apply for participation. Think about the impact that the cell phone has made on society, then consider how VR is set to change the way we learn, conduct business, recreate, socialize, and even heal. It's the next tech frontier and your library can be on the forefront, so don't miss out.

This preconference workshop will be offered October 17 at the 2018 WLA Conference. [Learn more and register here!](#)

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## Mark Your Calendars for ALA Midwinter



Be sure to save the date to register for the **2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting**, January 25-29 in Seattle! Early Bird Registration and Housing will open Wednesday, September 12.

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## WSL Presents Classics in Washington History

The State Library is delighted to present **Classics in Washington History**. This digital collection of full-text books brings together rare, out of print titles for easy access by students, teachers, genealogists and historians. Visit Washington's early years through the lives of the men and women who lived and worked in Washington Territory and State.

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## Genetic Testing in the Era of Genomic Sequencing

This 1-hour presentation will include information on current genetic testing and genetic counseling practices, with a focus on the implementation of new sequencing technologies into clinical medicine. Implications and ethical considerations for

91 professional certificates in 42 areas of study, including STEM-focused programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

**The Washington Center for the Book** promotes literacy and a love of books, reading, and libraries. It is a joint partnership of the Washington State Library and The Seattle Public Library, and is the state affiliate for the Center for the Book at the U.S. Library of Congress. There is a Center for the Book in all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Pierce College** creates quality educational opportunities for a diverse community of learners to thrive in an evolving world. Last year, as it celebrated its 50th anniversary, the college earned Achieving the Dream's prestigious Leah Meyer Austin award for excellence. As one of the highest honors that a community college can receive, this was also the first time a West Coast community college earned the title.

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### Nominations Open for 2018 I Love My Librarian Award

*I Love My Librarian!*  
*2018 Award*

Librarians touch the lives of the people they serve every day. The **I Love My Librarian Award** encourages library users like you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians. Each year 10 librarians are selected. Each librarian receives a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony and reception in New York City, hosted by Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Nominations for the 2018 I Love My Librarian Award are open through October 1. Winners will be announced in early December.

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### IMLS Releases Public Libraries Survey Report

The Public Libraries Survey report, released last week by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, provides a snapshot of public library use, financial health, staffing, and resources in FY 2015. IMLS also released a set of state profile reports, for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

both clinical and direct to consumer genetic tests will be discussed.

Tune in Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 pm PT. The session will be recorded for later viewing on the PNR Rendezvous webpage. (worth 1 Medical Library Association CE) **Registration is encouraged.**

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### SLJTeen Live! Virtual Conference

Join thousands of librarians on August 15 for our seventh annual **SLJTeen Live!** virtual conference without leaving the comfort of your home (or reference\* desk).

This free, daylong event will feature high-profile and up-and-coming YA authors talking about their latest titles for teens. You'll also have the chance to get advice from innovative librarians tackling timely issues relevant to your teens and services.

This year's theme, "Speaking Truth to Power," centers around the exciting and impactful role that young people have in the world today and how the library is a place where they can be inspired to effect change. From the latest YA lit trends to evergreen topics in teen services, these panels will equip you with the tools, information, and book savvy you need to re-energize your programming and collections.

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### Cultural Competence: Addressing Race Relations in 21st Century

The Washington State Library has just opened registration for **a new training** being offered this fall. Sessions are in Lynnwood, Tacoma, Spokane and Issaquah.

This session helps to develop participants' appreciation of their role in becoming culturally competent by: 1) providing a framework on how to address issues of equity and race; 2) creating common language for entering into discourse; 3) increasing ones understanding of diverse experiences and perspectives; and 4) developing tools for engaging across cultures. This framework considers the importance of deepening awareness of self—moving from color blindness to racial cognizance; increasing knowledge of others and their experiences of racism and oppression; developing skills to work effectively across cultures; and advocating and taking action to initiate change. Participants are taught these four components of cultural competence through lecture and small and

The 2015 report includes the following findings:

- Nearly 311 million Americans lived within a public library service area in 2015, an increase from 306 million in 2014.
- In 2015, there were 1.39 billion visits to public libraries, or 4.48 visits per person.
- Public libraries offered 4.7 million programs in 2015, attended by nearly 107 million people, 5 million more attendees than the previous year.
- Public libraries made 1.31 billion collection items available to patrons and provided access to over a quarter million internet computers.
- The number of electronic materials available through public libraries, including audio, video and e-books, continued to grow. E-books, especially, have seen significant growth, increasing from 0.04 e-book per person in 2006 to just over one e-book per person in 2015.

Learn more and read the full report [here](#).

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### **Eat, Drink, and Support the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library!**

You're invited to celebrate the 70th anniversary of WTBBL's Streamline Moderne home on Monday, August 20, 2018, from 6–8 pm.

At this special event, Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman will commemorate WTBBL's timeless significance with the unveiling of a new exhibit about the library and its landmark building. Secretary Wyman, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, a WTBBL patron, and an architectural historian will present a short program, and music will be provided by a live local quartet.

Because space is limited, an RSVP is required. The suggested contribution is \$50 per person. Please RSVP by August 10 [online](#) or call (360) 902-4171.

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### **Comments and Suggestions on the ALA Meeting Room Interpretation**

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) has formed a working group to revise the

large group discussion. Prior culturally relevant professional development is brought into context and understanding of diverse perspectives is explored.

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### **NGCP and TechGirlz National Webinar**

In this one hour webinar participants will learn how TechGirlz has worked with volunteers around the country, empowering IT professionals, and college and high school students to teach and inspire middle school girls with their new interactive tech workshops called TechShopz. They have created 50+ TechShopz covering a wide variety of technology topics. These workshops are packaged in a virtual box, allowing anyone, anywhere to run a TechShop.

**Tune in** September 25 at 11:00 am PT.

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### **Free Trainings: Leap into Science**

Developed by The Franklin Institute, Leap into Science is a nationwide program that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. The program empowers educators to offer programs in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

This evidence-based program will be made available through in-person trainings. The free trainings will take place in [Everett at the Imagine Academy on September 19](#) and at the [Auburn branch of the King County Library on September 25](#). Balance is the focus of these workshops. Those who sign up for these workshops will receive a free kit with all the necessary resources to replicate these programs.

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### **Building A Diverse and Inclusive YA Library Collection**

Why is it important for librarians to integrate culturally diverse literature into their collections? Readers need a rich and varied diet of material that reflects the many different ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, and linguistic groups that make up multiple voices, individual lives, social attributes, and perspectives around the world. We are the advocates that help expand the borders of this culturally diverse literature, this inclusive literature, to aspects such as physical and mental

recently adopted Meeting Room Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. The IFC Meeting Rooms Working Group working has created [a form to solicit feedback](#) from the library community.

This form exists to allow the larger library community the opportunity to contribute suggested wording or relevant resources. All form submissions will be forwarded to the IFC Meeting Rooms Working Group. Your name and email are not required. While the committee is grateful for your comments, it will be working on the document, rather than responding to each comment. The deadline for comments is August 24.

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### **2019 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award**

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Grants Administration Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2019 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Awards. This award, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's books, provides a \$600 stipend for up to four children's librarians to attend their first ALA Annual Conference. The award also includes an invitation to the Newbery-Caldecott-Legacy banquet.

Applicants must be personal members of ALSC, as well as ALA members to apply. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 1, 2018. For more information about the award requirements and submitting the online application please visit the [Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award Web page](#).

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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.

disabilities, socioeconomic status, different family structures, such as foster families, and sexual and gender identification. We are striving to curate our collections to be the mirrors and windows of a teen's life into adulthood.

**Tune in** Tuesday, September 25 at 11:00 am PT.

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### **Digging into Assessment Data: Tips, Tricks, and Tools of the Trade**

You know what you want to know and how to ask the right questions. Now what? This session will delve into assessment tools and data collection methods—and how to choose the method that works best for you. You also will learn how to analyze your data and turn it into information your library can use. Don't worry if using qualitative and quantitative data is new to you. You'll gain the insight you need to use both with confidence.

**Tune in** Tuesday, August 14 at 12:00 pm PT.

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### **Digital Citizenship: New Lessons for a Changing World**

Students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. Educators need resources to keep up with today's fast-changing media and technology landscape. Common Sense Education's free K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum has you covered!

This edWebinar is designed for all K-12 teachers, librarians, and tech coordinators. There will be time to get your questions answered after the presentation.

**Tune in** Tuesday, August 28 at 1:00pm.

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