



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 7, 2018

On this day: In 1940, a portion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed during a windstorm.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Alki Call for Submissions



Are you still thinking about that fantastic session you attended at WLA? Now's your chance to write about it for **Alki**, the journal of the Washington Library Association! We're accepting submissions through Monday, November 12. As always, we're interested in articles related to this issue's theme, the WLA Conference Wrap-Up, or on topics of interest to the public, school, academic, and special library communities. Email the Alki Editor, Sheri Boggs, at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org), with your article ideas ASAP and plan to submit your piece by November 12!

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Green River College is seeking a **Tenure Track Librarian**. The position closes January 1.

The Washington State Library is seeking an

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**Save the Date:**  
**PNLA Conference in Spokane August 7-9**

This year's Pacific Northwest Library Association conference—"Libraries Leading

**Information Technology Systems/App Spec**

6. The position is open until filled.

4Culture is seeking a **Heritage Support Specialist**. The position closes November 14.

King County Library System is seeking a **Community Relations Intern**. The position closes November 8.

Bellevue College is seeking a **Book/Tech Fest Coordinator**. The position closes November 9.

Western Washington University is seeking a **Faculty Librarian**. 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

### Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee Seeking Applicants for Book Donation Grant

Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three **Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants**. The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant was created to help build collections and bring books into the lives of children in preschool programs, faith-based reading projects, homeless shelters, charter schools, underfunded libraries and other community organizations. Applications will be accepted through January 31.

### Leadership Directory of Native Cultural Institutions and Programs

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums is developing a national database of directors/lead staff members of Native cultural institutions and programs. Information is sought for Native archives, libraries, museums, cultural centers, historic preservation offices, and language programs. There is an "other" option for cultural

the Way"—will be held in Spokane, and they hope to see a strong Washington turn out. Conference registration and lodging rates are **posted at the PNLA site** so you can start planning with your employer.

### WLA Program @ ALA Midwinter: Transgender Inclusion in Libraries



Are you interested in increasing your understanding of transgender issues and how those can play out in the library environment? In this workshop, presenters will begin by making sure everyone has a common framework from which to work, before diving deeper and giving attendees the opportunity to evaluate their own libraries and how policies impact the accessibility of their institutions to transgender patrons. Tips and best practices will be shared. Together, we will brainstorm ways to approach library administrators and create more equitable and accessible libraries for all. This workshop is best-suited for those who already have some basic familiarity with transgender issues. Presented by Reed Garber-Pearson, Micah Kehrein, Sunny Kim, and Bean Yogi.

WLA is excited to offer this program at ALA Midwinter on Friday, January 25, 8:30am–12:30pm. Learn more [here](#), and register [here](#)!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Free Lecture: Mind Over Media

Consider some potential outcomes of examining disinformation, sponsored content, conspiracy theories, hoaxes and memes in the context of formal and informal learning by attending the University of Washington Lecture, "**Mind over Media**" by Renee Hobbs. Professor Hobbs is an internationally-recognized authority on digital and media literacy education, founder and director of the Media Education Lab at the University of Rhode Island. November 28 at 7:30 pm at Kane Hall, Room 120.

institutions or programs not fitting within the defined parameters.

They also are collecting leadership information on non-indigenous cultural institutions holding Native materials and/or non-indigenous cultural institutions providing programming related to Native communities.

Please follow [this link](#) to complete information for your organization and then share this message with other cultural institutions and programs so they may be included in the directory.

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### Media Literacy Week: Fact or Fake



You may already be teaching Media Literacy and don't even realize it! Or you may be able to take your teaching to the next level with these simple suggestions. Follow [this link](#) and try it out!

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### Disaster Distress Helpline from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The [Disaster Distress Helpline](#), 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

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### Open Now: Cultural Facilities Grants for King County Organizations

[4Culture's Cultural Facilities grants](#) help organizations acquire, build, or renovate the bricks and mortar buildings that make cultural

### Free Webinar: What Do the Midterms Mean for Your Library?

What will the upcoming midterm elections mean for your library and community? Join ALA for a free 60-minute webinar on Friday, November 9 at 8:30 am PT for an overview of key results from the 2018 elections and explore their implications. ALA's Washington Office will dig into how the outcomes could affect engagement from library advocates and how ALA's upcoming advocacy plans will align.

Participants will learn the library-related implications of the 2018 election results; how those results affect library policy agenda, outreach, and advocacy plans for 2019 and beyond; and specific policy and political opportunities for ALA and libraries. [Register here.](#)

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### Next PNR Rendezvous Webinar: "New Horizons for NLM Traveling Exhibitions"

The National Library of Medicine Exhibition Program will soon introduce a new engagement initiative for customers hosting one of its traveling exhibitions. The new engagement initiative will help strengthen the connections host venues make to NLM collections and health information resources as part of their hosting of an NLM traveling exhibition. This PNR Rendezvous webinar will serve as an introduction to this new initiative. November 14 at 1:00 pm PT. Registration is encouraged but not required.

In addition, the University of Washington Health Sciences Library is hosting "[Graphic Medicine: Ill-Conceived & Well-Drawn](#)" from November 5–December 22. Artist David Lasky will be presenting and offering a walk-in comics workshop on November 14 from 1:00–4:00 pm. [Learn more on the UW HSL website.](#)

Until December 15, NNLM PNR members are invited to [sign up to host an exhibition](#) for a 6-week booking period of your first or second choice from January 2019 through April 2021. (Note: you must be an NNLM PNR member to sign up. However, if your organization is not a member yet, it is [easy to join](#)). [Learn more about this opportunity on the NNLM blog.](#)

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### Free Course: Confronting Antisemitism and Intolerance

experiences possible. Grants are available are available for King County-based, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) arts, heritage, or preservation organizations and public agencies with a primary mission focus on arts, heritage, or preservation. These funds will not be available next year, so make sure to apply by November 14!

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### Partners for Middle School STEM

The **Urban Libraries Council** (ULC) and STAR Net/Space Science Institute are partnering on the Partners for Middle School STEM project, which is funded in part by the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**. This project aims to enhance the capacity of libraries to partner with schools, local government, and business leaders to advance STEM education opportunities for low-income middle school youth.

ULC is seeking applications from library systems interested in joining a learning cohort to explore strategies for building multi-sector partnerships to develop STEM learning pilots for underserved middle school youth (ages 10 – 13). Up to six library systems will be selected to participate in the learning cohort from January 2019 through May 2020.

Details for the Partners for Middle School STEM Cohort **Call for Applications are online**. Applications must be submitted **online** by November 15.

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### National Friends of Libraries Week Award

Applications for United for Libraries' **National Friends of Libraries Week Award** are due December 4.

United for Libraries coordinated the 13th annual National Friends of Libraries Week October 21-27, 2018. Libraries and Friends across the country celebrated with city and statewide proclamations, and events including fundraisers, membership drives, author signings, and more. Two Friends groups will receive the National Friends of Libraries Week Award, \$250 each, in honor of their celebrations during the week.

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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.

In these troubling times, many of us are looking for the tools we need to confront antisemitism in our schools and in our communities. The Holocaust Center for Humanity, in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League, is responding to this need by offering **a course on antisemitism and intolerance** for students, parents, teachers, and the community. The course examines connections between historic and contemporary antisemitism while addressing current events. This interactive, discussion-based program engages participants and provides practical tools for responding to antisemitism and hate in our society.

The course will be held in person at the Henry and Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle. Dinner will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

- Tuesday, January 8, 4:30-7:30 pm PT, general registration
- Thursday, January 10, 4:30-7:30 pm PT, priority registration for educators, students (12 and up), and parents of students
- Wednesday, January 23, 4:30-7:30 pm PT, priority registration for educators, students (12 and up), and parents of students

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### Public Library Administration and Innovation for the 21st Century

Public libraries have historically faced challenges as viable units in local government. As society struggles with issues related to the scope and effectiveness of government, librarians must ask, "How and why will communities support public libraries in the 21st century?" This webinar will present a framework for future library services, focusing on effective public sector skills, strategic planning, leadership, organizational and service innovation, information technology, readers, and the full range of library constituents.

Tune in to this free Booklist webinar on Thursday, November 8 at 11:00 am PT. **Register here.**

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