



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 21, 2018

On this day: In 1877, the first human cannonball is launched at the Royal Aquarium in London.

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MAKING HEADLINES

MLSA Call Needed to Senator Murray's Office

Below is a message from the American Library Association's Washington Office.

We learned Monday that the Museum and Library Services Act (**S. 3530**) may be considered by the HELP committee during the Lame Duck session starting right after the Thanksgiving break, and we need to ensure MLSA is on their agenda. As you know, this legislation would reauthorize the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as the Library Services and Technology Act. It is vital that Senators on the committee hear from library leaders TODAY about the importance of passage of S. 3530.

Please contact Senator Murray with the following message:

- The library community in your state strongly supports S. 3530 and its improvements;
- It is vital that the Senate HELP Committee passes S. 3530 during the lame duck session;
- Reauthorization of IMLS will allow libraries to continue to provide services to veterans, entrepreneurs, children, families, rural and under-served communities;
- S. 3530 has bipartisan support in the Senate and is strongly supported by the library community across the U.S.;
- Please request that the HELP Committee Marks Up S. 3530.

Because of the short time period, a phone call to Senator Murray (202-224-2621) would be helpful. (Washington received \$3,490,908 from IMLS in 2018.)

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

The Washington Supreme Court Law Library is seeking a **Law Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Highline Public Schools is seeking an **Elementary School Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a **Branch Manager for Prescott Library**. The position closes November 30.

Western Washington University is seeking a **Faculty Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Pierce County Library System is seeking an **Outreach Librarian**. The position closes December 3.

King County is seeking a **County Archivist**. The position is closes November 28.

Olympic College is seeking a **Library and Archives Paraprofessional 2 - Poulsbo**. The position is open until filled.

Boeing is seeking an **Archivist / Historian**. 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

Superintendent Reykdal Announces Series of Community Forums

Over the next few weeks, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal will be holding four community forums in Washington.

- November 19, 6:00-7:30 pm, **The Lincoln Center, Port Angeles, WA**
- November 20, 6:00-7:30 pm, **Options High School, Bellingham, WA**
- November 28, 6:00-7:30 pm, **Skyview High School, Vancouver, WA**
- November 29, 6:00-7:30 pm, **Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center (YV-TECH), Yakima, WA**

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

The Essentials of Marketing Your Interlibrary Loan Service

Marketing interlibrary loan can teach patrons how to use the service more effectively and can introduce new users to the service. But currently, there is very little literature on the subject. Marketing other library services is written about frequently but ILL, not so much. It becomes hard to know how to approach marketing ILL when there is not a lot of precedent for it. So how do you begin your own interlibrary loan marketing campaign? In this PNR Rendezvous presentation you will learn what marketing really is, about libraries that have successfully marketed interlibrary loan, and lessons learned from those marketing endeavors. December 5 at 1:00pm PT. **Registration is encouraged but not required.**

MakeCode Training from WSL

At the forums, Reykdal will outline his vision for transforming K–12 education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) budget priorities for the upcoming legislative session. There will also be time for a moderated question and answer period with the audience.

Each forum will begin with opening remarks by the local school district superintendent. Following their remarks, Reykdal will speak about OSPI's 2019–21 budget proposal, which aims to close opportunity gaps by increasing spending on comprehensive supports, pathways to graduation, and creating a new model for funding elementary school buildings, among other things.

The forum will close with a question and answer session with Reykdal, moderated by a local reporter or community member. Each forum will be about 90-minutes long.

California Libraries in Wildfires' Wake

Public institutions across the country are rallying in support of displaced library employees and libraries devastated by wildfires in California that have claimed more than 60 lives and resulted in the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

"Miraculously, the Paradise branch of the Butte County Library system is still standing," says Butte County Library Director Melanie Lightbody, noting that it's one of the only remaining structures in the town.

The remaining five branches in the system are still operational and have become information centers, offering computers, Wi-Fi, and printers to help displaced residents contact insurance companies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other agencies. [Read more](#) from ALA.

Start a FREE Girls Who Code Club Today!

Join students and educators across the country by partnering with [Girls Who Code](#) to bring computer science opportunities to elementary, middle, and high school girls in your community! [Girls Who Code Clubs](#) are FREE after-school programs for 3rd-5th or 6th-12th grade girls to join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models and use computer science to change the world. Learn more by signing up for an upcoming Girls Who Code [webinar](#).

The Washington State Library is offering a new training in December at three locations: Timberland Regional Library, Port Angeles Public Library, and the Vaux Retreat Center - hosted by the Mount Vernon City Library. MakeCode takes a unique approach to coding and computer science education by combining the magic of making with the power of code as a way to make learning about computers and technology more accessible and interesting to a wider audience of learners.

Throughout this training you will get hands-on experience with MakeCode. Review resources then begin to plan implementation for coding camps for libraries as well as self-paced learners. [Sign up today](#) to learn more about this free, open source platform and Microsoft Imagine Academy resources that support a progression path into real-world programming.

WSL Providing Lynda.com Subscriptions

As of November 1, the State Library is under contact with LinkedIn Learning to provide subscriptions to the Lynda.com online learning platform through all of your libraries. WSL is using funds from the current Microsoft Imagine Academy biennial allocation (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019) to pay for these subscriptions, which are open to any Washington public or tribal library that can provide library card or PIN authentication through their website.

Please email [Elizabeth laukea](#) if you have any questions.

Enroll now in ISTE U winter PD courses

A new slate of online courses is now open at [ISTE U](#), the International Society for Technology in Education virtual hub of best-in-class PD designed to help educators build critical skills for teaching and learning in a digital world.

This winter, enroll in courses on essential topics such as:

- Artificial intelligence
- Computational thinking
- Digital citizenship
- Future-ready librarianship
- Mobile learning
- Personalized learning
- Technology integration

All ISTE U courses are guided by an instructor who is a leading expert in the field and you

Ready to join the movement? Complete a Clubs application [here](#)! Have questions? Contact [Kat Dej-Panah](#), Partnership Coordinator for Washington.

Letters About Literature — Writing Contest from Library of Congress

Submissions are now open for students grades 4-12 to enter Letters About Literature, a reading and writing contest where students are asked to read a book and write to the author (who may be living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. This is a great program for teacher/librarians to make available to their students; public librarians may want to recommend this contest to young patrons looking for writing opportunities. Winners are selected at the state and national levels. Students in Washington state can enter at the Washington Center for the Book website through December 14. [Learn more 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.

can earn graduate-level credit upon completion.

The Shapeshifting Book: From Clay Tablet, to Paper, to Touchscreen

The book has taken many shapes in the five millennia over which humans have sought to record information—varying with the needs of writers and readers and with materials available for production. This [Pub Talk](#) from the University of Washington Bothell will feature a performance and lecture by a scholar and artist that will unpack the ways books have always been dynamic, interactive experiences, whether their interface looks like a tablet or a touchscreen. Come see the body of the book again to understand what it has been and what it might become.

This talk will be held Tuesday, November 27 in Haynes' Hall at McMenemy's Anderson School in downtown Bothell. Doors open at 6 pm. The talks begin at 7 pm and are followed by Q&A. All talks are free and open to the public. All ages welcome!

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