



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 28, 2018

On this day: In 1853, Nov 28, Olympia was established as capital of the Washington Territory.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**Registration for 2019 OLA-WLA Conference to Open in Mid-January**



Mark your calendars for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference!**

**When:** April 17–20, 2019

**Where:** Hilton Vancouver Washington

The conference will bring together the Oregon Library Association (OLA) and Washington Library Association (WLA) for four days packed full of professional development opportunities and exciting networking events.

The conference theme is “Charting the Unknown Together,” which reflects the current climate of change, injustice, and uncertainty that affects library professionals and patrons alike. Together, we’re hopeful that our collaboration and camaraderie can help us

navigate these new waters.

Conference program information will be posted in December, and registration will open in mid-January. On behalf of the 2019 Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Columbia Basin College is seeking a **Director for Library Services**. The position is open until filled.

Timberland Regional Library is seeking a **Career Connected Learning Associate**. The position closes December 12.

Community Colleges of Spokane is seeking an **Adjunct Reference Librarian**. The position closes December 10.

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is seeking an **Archival Technician**. The position is open until filled.

Spokane Public Library is seeking a **Community Educator**. 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

### **KCLS Foundation awarded \$80,000 Boeing Grant for KCLS to Expand STEAM Education**

The King County Library System Foundation (KCLSF) has been **awarded an \$80,000 grant** from the Boeing Company to help KCLS expand STEAM education, with the aim of increasing access to technology and 21st-century workplace skills for thousands of low-income and underserved families.

The Boeing grant will enable KCLS to broaden the size of its ideaX program, which offers free hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design and Math) activities that inspire people to explore creativity and

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### **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 Online PD in Digital Local History for Public Librarians**

Do you want to gain skills to use digital history sources and develop local history projects that will open up new programming opportunities? Do you want to help your patrons connect their interest in genealogy to broader social, cultural, and political history?

Creating Local Linkages is a free online professional development resource for public

emerging technology. KCLS' first ideaX Makerspace opened in April at the Bellevue Library, drawing an estimated 900 people. Thanks in part to Boeing; KCLS will complete a second, dedicated ideaX space at Federal Way Regional Library in south King County.

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### 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.](#)

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### Get the Inside Story on New Children's and Teen Books

Here's [a great opportunity](#) to see what's new in children's and teen books and meet 20+ authors. This event (Sunday, December 2, 3:00-5:00 pm) is designed specifically for librarians and booksellers to get to know local authors and their work. The event is free; books will be available for purchase and to be signed by authors and illustrators. Take transit or park in our garage (\$8 for all day on weekends) and enjoy downtown Seattle's holiday lights and sights!

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.

librarians developed by historians at the George Mason University's Roy Rosenzweig Center for History & New Media. Using these skills, librarians can create new and enhance existing community programs, develop digital local history exhibits using library collections, and help patrons conducting genealogical research to contextualize their family histories. All participants who finish within the eight weeks will receive a certificate of completion.

The first session of Creating Local Linkages starts February 4, 2019. [Register today](#) as space is limited to fifty participants. Additional courses will be offered in July and October 2019 and March 2020. [Sign up for alerts when registration opens for those courses.](#) This project was made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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### Librarian Evolution: Libraries Thrive When We Change

Charles Darwin said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." It has never been a better time to be a librarian—especially when we recognize and act on our power to help people in our communities build better lives through learning and literacy. To do that, our identity, our education, our organizations, and our work is changing. Learn how library staff are becoming change agents to help Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, the [2016 Gale/LJ Library of the Year](#), become an essential asset in its community.

[Tune in](#) Thursday, November 29 at 12:00 pm PT. This webinar is part of the [Transformative Leaders](#) series.

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