



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 5, 2018

On this day: In 1974, the NFL awards a franchise to the "Seattle Professional Football" consortium, led by Lloyd W. Nordstrom, to organize the future Seattle Seahawks.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Pierce County Library System Wins Funding

**Voters said yes** to restore the Pierce County Library System's funding. In the November 6 general election, the majority of voters approved a levy lid lift with a 50.21 percent approval rate, with 106,844 voters casting yes votes.

"We are incredibly grateful to voters for believing in their public library," said Pierce County Library Executive Director Georgia Lomax. "This is a positive endorsement for the value the Library System brings to our communities. We thank the voters for their investment in the Library System."

The restored levy will maintain library services and return the Library's levy rate to its full legal amount of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This would be an increase of approximately 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property. The restored levy takes effect in 2019.

### Senate Committee Approves Libraries Bill

On Thursday, the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee **voted unanimously** to send the Museum and Library Services Act to the Senate floor. The bill would reauthorize the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Gonzaga University is seeking a **STEM Librarian**. The position closes January 4.

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

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

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

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Teen Services Librarian**. The position closes December 18.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Data and Digital Scholarship Librarian**. The position closes December 31.

Columbia Basin College is seeking a **Director for Library Services**. The position is open until filled (first consideration December 26).

**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

### Ginny Blackson Receives "I Love My Librarian" Award



Congratulations to WLA member Ginny Blackson of Central Washington University for winning a **2018 "I Love My Librarian" Award!**

Ten librarians have been honored with the 2018 I Love My Librarian Award. Selected from more than 1,000 nominations submitted by library users nationwide, the winning librarians are being recognized for their leadership in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning.

Blackson has spearheaded projects that have moved library services into new areas with a focus on inclusion and diversity. She was



### 2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

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!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Free Webinar: To Fine or Not to Fine

A current trend among libraries is to move away from charging overdue fines and other fees to library users. We're offering the opportunity to learn more about the pros and cons of going fine free and ask questions of and share concerns with your colleagues on this important issue.

Tune in to this free webinar from the Montana State Library on Tuesday, December 11 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm PT. [Register here.](#)

instrumental in obtaining a Pride Foundation grant resulting in the acquisition of library materials covering LGBTQ issues. She also successfully acquired funding from the Friends of the Library to purchase materials representing Hispanic history and cultural issues and created a family-friendly space for patrons with young children. Among her other activities, Blackson leads the annual Women's History Month initiative for the campus radio station, recruiting students, staff, and faculty to record information about notable women in US history.

"This award has really affirmed for me that the work my colleagues and I do is important and impactful," Blackson says. "It is especially important for academic librarians to think outside the box to serve 21st-century learners. I believe that everyone can be successful if given the support they need."

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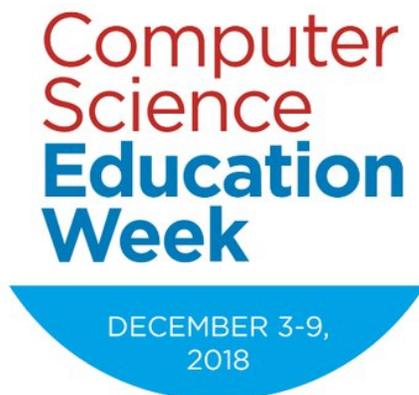
### Big Opportunities for Small Libraries: IMLS Launches New Special Initiative

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new special initiative, **Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries** (APP), and is accepting grant applications now through February 25, 2019.

This new funding opportunity is designed specifically to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities, and awards sizes range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

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### Third-Party Educator Resources for CSEd Week



Computer Science Education Week (December 3-9) is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take interest in computer science.

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### Save the Date: Northwest Evergreen Users Symposium

Evergreen ILS users (or prospective users) are invited to a one-day Northwest Evergreen Users Symposium April 16, 2019 in Vancouver, Washington. The event will precede the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Evergreen is an open-source system used by libraries of a variety of sizes around the world. Come see what Evergreen has to offer your library, compare workflows with other Evergreen users and get a sneak peek at 2019 Evergreen International Conference presentations. Event is free. Volunteers are still welcome. RSVP and detailed program information will follow. For more information, contact **Millissa Macomber** (Burlington Public Library).

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### Holiday Book Flood at the Nordic Museum



Iceland—one of Europe's most literate and literary countries—is home to many delightful holiday traditions, including Jólábókafloð - or, Holiday Book Flood. Prior to the Jule shopping season, Icelandic publishers release a flood of new books. Among newly knitted sweaters and licorice candies, Icelanders invariably find a new book (or several) under the holiday tree. The Christmas break is spent hanging out with family, devouring the latest crime novel, trollish misadventure, or expertly crafted poetry.

This year, the Seattle-Reykjavik Sister City Association (SRSCA)—in partnership with the Nordic Museum—brings this holiday tradition to Seattle. The Holiday Book Flood starts December 1 and continues through December 9, with a pop-up shop at the Nordic Museum gift store, highlighting the best in Icelandic and Nordic literature, curated by the SRSCA Book Club and Fantagraphics Books.

On December 6, the Flood kicks into high gear with a reading featuring local literary talent, at the Nordic Museum, between 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Computer science can be celebrated throughout the year, not just in December. Check out these [third-party resource recommendations](#) from CSEd Week to find great curriculum and professional development providers that a school or school district can access to provide an in-school offering for their students. All submissions are reviewed by an independent committee of elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

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### Oral History Competition for Grades 9-12

Students throughout Washington in grades 9-12 are invited to enter a statewide oral history competition to complement the new exhibit [1968: The Year that Rocked Washington](#) by Legacy Washington, a program of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The competition will open January 1 and run until April 30, with finalists invited to a reception in June. Entries are to consist of a 4- to 10-page written profile or essay, based on interviews and research, telling the story of a person who experienced the tumult of 1968. Winning works will be published online by the Office of Secretary of State. Legacy Washington invites educators to participate in this special event by sharing it with their classrooms. The competition guidelines and entry form can be found [here](#).

For more information email [info@sos.wa.gov](mailto:info@sos.wa.gov) or call (360) 902-4171.

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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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Have news to share? Please send it to the [WLA office](#) by Monday to be included in

### Library Programming for Adults, From Start to Finish

Adult programming at your library can bring the community together in meaningful ways but finding the ideal program and attracting the right audience can be overwhelming. This webinar will teach you to plan events and programs from start to finish, including identifying potential partners, getting community input, and successful marketing. Learn how to deliver quality, budget-friendly programs that will bring in the crowds without reinventing the wheel. From choosing dates and times to selecting events that get results, you'll hear practical tips on everything it takes to launch adult programs your community will love.

Tune in to this free webinar from the WebJunction on Tuesday, December 18 at 12:00 pm PT. [Register here](#).

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### 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 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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