



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 20, 2018

On this day: In 1840, Samuel Morse patents his telegraph.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Scholarship Applications Close July 1

Do you know anyone who could use some help funding their degree, certificate, continuing education, or conference attendance? This year, the WLA Professional Development Committee is offering five scholarships for library staff and students at any stage of their careers. Applications close July 1.

**Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship:** \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.

**Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.

**John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.

**Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

**Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian, Public Services Supervisor**, and **Collection and Technical Services Manager**. Applications close July 6, June 26, and June 25, respectively.

The Orting School District is seeking a **Technology Library Specialist - Elementary**. The position is open until filled.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Senior Library Technician**. Applications close June 27.

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a **Visiting Assistant Professor/Instruction and Reference Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Bellevue School District is seeking a **Library Media Specialist**. 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

### Now Accepting Nominations for WLA Merit Awards

Each year, WLA recognizes outstanding members from all types of libraries with the **WLA Merit Awards**. Nominations are due August 6, and recipients will be announced October 5. Nominate a colleague today for one of the following awards!

- Emeritus Membership(s)
- Honorary Membership(s)
- Advances in Library Services Award
- Outstanding Performance Award
- Trustee Award
- Friends/Foundation Award
- Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award
- Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award
- Superintendent of the Year Award

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Career Lab @ WLA 2018



**WLA** | *cultivating  
communities  
harvesting  
ideas*  
**2018**

Yakima, October 17-20

The **2018 WLA Conference** will include a new feature this year: the **Career Advancement Lab**. Whether you are seeking a library job, looking for career advice to make the most of your current job, or just need an updated headshot, the Career Lab has something for conference attendees at every stage of their career. Stay tuned for details!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite (Your Library)

In **this webinar**, Beverly Choltco-Devlin will give an overview of Tacoma Public Library's experience when several patrons from multiple locations introduced bedbugs into the library through the return of dozens of heavily impacted materials. Relying heavily on the **Public Library Association** document on what to do (biggest message: "Don't Panic"), system staff pulled together with vigilance and determination to mitigate against a potentially disastrous outcome. A resource list will be provided. Presented by **Beverly Choltco-Devlin, Tacoma Public Library**. Tune in July 10 at 9:00 am PT.

### Small-Press Speed-Dating Extravaganza!

Meet the small press of your dreams during this scintillating hour of succinct presentations

- 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

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### **WLA Awards Spotlight: CAYAS Visionary Award**

Do you know someone who has been providing amazing and relevant library programs and services for children and/or teens? Consider nominating a colleague for the 2018 CAYAS Visionary Award. The CAYAS Visionary Award will be presented this fall during the CAYAS Breakfast at the WLA Conference to a person who is dedicated to excellent service for children and teens at the public, special or school library, and who provides leadership and inspiration for others who serve children and teens in libraries. Some examples include: providing a new type of programming, collaborating with other community organizations to reach out to children and/or teens outside of the library, or a career focused on meeting the needs of children, teens and other staff working with these age groups. Those eligible to be nominated for this award include staff or volunteers from public libraries, special libraries, and schools.

The Visionary Award recognizes talent and dedication. CAYAS is always looking for new, fresh inspiring ideas, so take a look at your colleagues and the work they are doing and share their work with the rest of the Washington state library community.

To nominate someone, [fill out the nomination form](#). Nominations are due August 6! [Learn more about the other WLA Merit Awards here.](#)

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### **A Passport to Washington Libraries – Visit Libraries, Win prizes!**

Visit libraries across the state this summer and help make an interactive online map full of photos and fun facts about all our libraries! A Passport to Washington Libraries is sponsored by the Washington Center for the Book and the Office of the Secretary of State. Posters and info are on their way to public libraries in Washington for you to share with your patrons, but you all can get started right now. Anyone can immediately add a photo to a library location; read through on how to register for a

by eight exciting indie presses in the U.S., UK, and Canada. Donna Seaman, Booklist's editor for Adult Books and a big fan of small-press books, will run the show. Here's the line-up: Dundurn Press, ECW Press, F+W, Flame Tree Press, Hippocrene Books, KiCam Projects, Nimbus Publishing, and Plough Publishing House. **Tune in** on Tuesday, July 10 at 11:00 am PT to learn about forthcoming titles from dynamic small presses that will bring rich variety and fresh energy to your collections.

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### **Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference**

The 17th annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan (NWILL) and Resource Sharing Conference will take place September 13-14, 2018, at Portland State University in downtown Portland, Oregon. Program content ranges from practical, how-to sessions to philosophical discussions on the future of interlibrary loan and resource sharing. Speakers include regional interlibrary loan and resource sharing practitioners and professionals from across North America. Early bird [registration](#) is open through July 31, and [scholarship applications](#) are due June 21.

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### **Webinar: Serving All Patrons: Library Services for Multilingual Communities**

Need ideas on how to engage patrons of all backgrounds? Join Library Journal as two library systems share how they successfully serve members of their communities for whom English is a second language with unique programming and outreach services.

**Tune in** Tuesday, June 19 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm PT.

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### **Celebrate Summer Learning Day July 12!**



chance to win a bookstore gift card if you visit more than five libraries (two need to be at least 50 miles from your home): [A passport to Washington Libraries](#).

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### **Applications Open for National Leadership and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant Programs**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is now accepting FY 2019 proposals for National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21).

New this year, IMLS is offering one application deadline for the two programs, which have previously each had two cycles per year. Applicants have through September 17, 2018, to submit their two-page preliminary proposals.

Learn more about the grants and to register for one of the pre-application webinars [here](#).

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### **Apply Now for ALA's Great Stories Club**

Do you love reading and want to help young people in your community love it as well? The American Library Association (ALA) is accepting applications through July 9 for the [Great Stories Club](#), a grant program in which library workers lead book club programs with underserved teens.

Working with small groups of teens, grantees will host reading and discussion programs for up to four thematically related books -- chosen by librarians and scholars to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like academic probation, detention, incarceration, violence and poverty.

Up to 150 libraries will be selected. All types of libraries are eligible, as long as they work in partnership with, or are located within, organizations that serve under-resourced youth. [Read the full project guidelines](#).

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### **Four Washingtonians Selected for ALA Leadership Institute**

Thirty-eight mid-career librarians have been selected from a highly competitive pool to participate in Leading to the Future, ALA's sixth four-day immersive leadership development program for future library

[Summer Learning Day](#) is a national advocacy day coordinated by the National Summer Learning Association, aimed at elevating the importance of keeping kids learning, safe and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed. Join School's Out Washington and take advantage of this opportunity to send a powerful message and build public will among community, key leaders and stakeholders, and families around the importance of quality summer programs.

Put Washington State on the map this year with at least 50 registered Summer Learning Day events. Please don't forget to [register your event](#) now and check out [School's Out Washington's Summer Learning webpage](#) for more information and resources.

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### **Grant Writing 101: Basics for Programming Librarians**

A successful grant proposal starts with two things: a clear idea and an understanding of the pieces you need to bring that idea to fruition. This session will offer an overview of the grant-writing process and give you the tools to think through your idea to make it as strong as possible.

Participants of this session will learn how to clearly define their project in one or two sentences, communicate the problem they are solving, and understand the grant budget.

[Tune in](#) Wednesday, July 25 at 11:00 am PT.

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### **Adult Summer Book Bingo – for Libraries in Washington**

Here's a free self-directed adult summer reading activity you can use now – [Summer Book Bingo](#)! The folks at Washington Center for the Book have prepared this book bingo card that is ready for you to print and share with readers at your library.

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### **Washington Medical Librarians Association Annual Meeting & Conference**

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) is having its annual meeting and conference on July 20 at the Odegaard Library on the University of Washington campus. This one-day conference is open to all and includes breakfast and lunch in addition to some great presentations.

leaders. **Several Washingtonians made the cut!**

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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.

Registration is now open (WMLA Member \$45; Student/retired \$25; Non-member \$65). Additional details available on the **WMLA website** (where you can also join or renew your membership).

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