



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 20, 2019

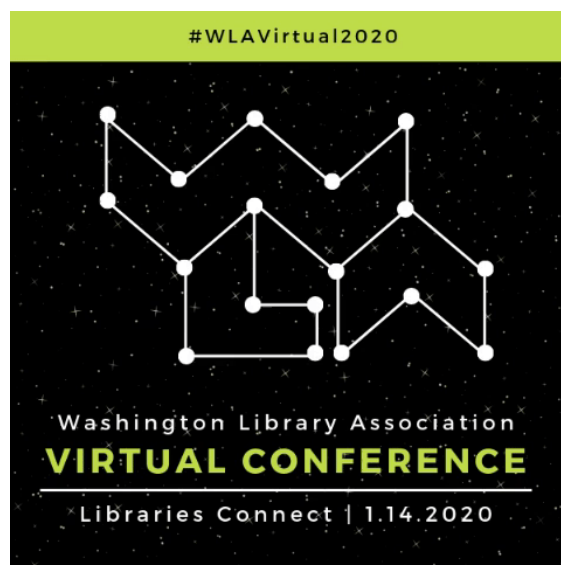
On this day: In 1407, a truce is agreed between John the Fearless, Duke of Burgundy, and Louis of Valois, Duke of Orléans. Orléans would be assassinated by Burgundy three days later.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Virtual Library Conference: Registration Now Open!



Registration is now open for the first-ever **WLA Virtual Conference** on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! This all-day event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to build connections and envision the future of libraries.

By holding this conference online, we're able to lower the barriers of attending and presenting that many face due to limited staffing, funding, or location. Programs are focused three topic tracks: *Emergent Technologies*, *Career & Professional Development*, and *Marketing & Communications*. Read more about our programs [here](#).

Register today!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Law Library is seeking an **Outreach Services Associate**. The position is open until December 20.

North Olympic Library System is seeking an **IT Specialist III**. The position is open until November 29.

Tigard Public Library is seeking a **Circulation Supervisor**. The position is open until November 24.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Children's Librarian**. The position is open until December 1.

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

ALA Seeks Applicants for National Policy Corps

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library advocates to **apply online** to join the **ALA Policy Corps** by December 11. The Corps initiative aims to strengthen advocacy related to key national library policy areas—ranging from broadband equity and copyright/licensing to federal funding and privacy and cybersecurity.

Preference will be given to applicants with prior engagement in ALA and state chapters. Interested applicants can also talk directly with current Policy Corps members at one of three upcoming virtual forums:

- **November 20, 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
- **November 22, 10:00 am-11:00 am**
- **December 2, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm**

Legislative Day 2020: Registration Open

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Save the Date: WLA Academic Library Conference



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference**. This all-day event will be held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

The conference theme of "Deep Roots, New Growth" seeks to cultivate the fruit of academic library work while staying grounded in an ever-changing library environment. We find ourselves at a crossroads of new and emerging ways of accessing information in academic libraries and continuously challenging the library image on campus, while also staying connected to the bedrock principles of libraries. How do we remain responsive to a changing student population, as well as increasing focus on diversity and inclusion? How can we grow with the culture of our campus patrons and rise to meet the future needs of teaching and learning?

Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference

Join us in Olympia on February 5 for the **WA Library Legislative Day**, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. Make sure your voice gets heard and your library community is represented.

WA Library Legislative Day is free to attend. This year, WLA will be setting up meetings between attendees and legislators. **Online registration is now open!**

AASL Keynote: The Power of Diverse Books



Ellen Oh, children's book author and president and cofounder of **We Need Diverse Books**, spoke at the **American Association of School Libraries (AASL)** on November 14. Read more about her keynote on the importance of—and lack of—diverse youth fiction [here](#).

Mock Pura Belpre Award

REFORMA-Oregon has invited Washington library professionals to the **5th Annual Mock Pura Belpre Awards**. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Please join REFORMA-Oregon on Saturday, December 7 in McMinnville, OR for this event!



Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference!**

When: October 7-10, 2020

Where: Spokane Convention Center

A request for conference proposals will be sent out in early 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Webinar: Fostering Creative Community Connections

The Public Library Association (PLA) partnered with **Short Édition** to bring their Short Story Dispenser and digital content creation platform to a pilot group of select U.S. public libraries. In this webinar, participants will hear how pilot libraries are leveraging the dispensers to strengthen and develop new local programming and connections with library and/or community partner programs and services, as well as creating new interest in literacy and literature through innovative access to a growing collection of more than 100,000 short stories.

This free webinar will take place Thursday, December 5 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

What are Library Makerspaces?

WLA School Library Division Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Hillary Marshall is featured in **this article** in *Lacamus Magazine*, discussing the role of makerspaces in school libraries, the curriculum to pair with it, and the unique

rewards a program can bring to students with a few bananas and alligator clips.

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.

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