



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 16, 2019

On this day: Antonio de Nebrija presents his grammar of the Spanish language, the first grammar of a modern language, to Queen Isabella.

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MAKING HEADLINES

2019 OLA-WLA Conference: Registration Is Live!



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

Registration is open for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference!** 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, patrons, and students. It also honors the spirit of exploration in the Pacific Northwest and the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Together, we’re hopeful that our collaboration and camaraderie can help us navigate new waters.

Check out the conference website for program information, and stay tuned for more keynote and event reveals. On behalf of the Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking a **Children's Services Librarian**. The position closes January 31.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an **Assistant to the Executive Director**. The position closes February 1.

University of Idaho is seeking a **Dean of Libraries**. 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

2019 WA Library Legislative Day Is February 6



Join us in Olympia on February 6 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. This event will be free to attend.

Celebrate Libraries Rally!

On Saturday, January 26, join a **public celebration** that highlights the power of libraries, featuring ALA President Loida

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

WLA @ ALA Midwinter



Are you headed to **ALA Midwinter** next week?

Friday through Monday, WLA will have a booth in the **exhibit hall**. Stop by to say hello, grab some goodies, and enter for a chance to win a free registration for the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference!

Friday morning, WLA is offering the preconference "Transgender Inclusion in Libraries." There's still time to register! Learn more [here](#), and register [here](#).

Sunday evening, WLA will be hosting a reception for WLA members and those interested in joining. Head to **Blueacre Seafood** on Sunday, January 29 to meet 2019 WLA leadership!

THE LEARNING CURVE

CAYAS Webinar: So You Want to Work in a Library?

Join the WLA Children & Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section for this free webinar where library professionals will offer tips for landing the job and offer suggestions for getting that big promotion. Presentation will be on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm. Please [click here](#) to add your email address to be invited to the webinar.

Emerald City Comic Con: Free Professional Development Opportunities

Garcia-Febo, WLA President Rhonda Gould, and local and state representatives.

Hear about the many ways libraries are building strong communities at this energizing rally for libraries. Enjoy refreshments and mingle with other library patrons, trustees, library friends and library foundation members from Seattle and around the country. The rally will take place at the Central Branch of The Seattle Public Library on Level 3, near the Fifth Avenue entrance.

Speakers will include:

- ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo
- The Seattle Public Library Chief Librarian Marcellus Turner
- WLA President Rhonda Gould
- Seattle City Councilmember Debora Juarez

Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces

The application deadline for the second round of OCLC's WebJunction **Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces** program is this Friday, January 18 at 5:00 pm PT.

In the first round, OCLC worked with **15 libraries** to help them collaborate with their communities to transform a space in their library into a place where community members join together in hands-on active learning. The program was so successful that they have received an **IMLS supplemental grant** to do it again with another 15 libraries! The opportunity includes free online orientation to the "smart space" process, along with a small sub-grant.

Applications are open through January 18, 2019, from libraries that serve communities of 25,000 people or fewer. Here's a link to the **participant overview** which includes more information about the program, and a link to the **application page**.

PNLA 2019: Now Accepting Program Proposals

You are invited to **submit program proposals** for the **2019 PNLA Conference** in Spokane on August 7-9. The theme for the conference is Libraries Leading the Way. PNLA is seeking programming that focuses on:

- Library leadership skills such as communication, conflict resolution,

On March 14, **Emerald City Comic Con** and The Seattle Public Library will host a number of panels geared towards **professional librarians and educators** at the Central Library in downtown Seattle. Panels will run all day with sessions focusing on #OwnVoices, building community, literacy through graphic novels, and much more. Additional panels, partners, and registration information will be announced leading up to the show. These programs are free and open to professionals by **registering here**.

Library of Congress Literacy Grants

The Library of Congress (LOC) has started accepting nominations for its **Literacy Awards program**, which will award multiple prizes of up to \$150,000 to schools and other organizations for their efforts at promoting literacy. In total, 18 prizes will be awarded, totaling \$325,000.

- The David M. Rubenstein Prize, one \$150,000 prize, for an "outstanding and measurable contribution to increasing literacy levels";
- The American Prize, one \$50,000 award, for raising awareness of literacy in the United States;
- The International Prize, one \$50,000 award, for raising literacy awareness internationally (organizations based in the United States are eligible); and
- Best Practice Honorees, 15 \$5,000 prizes totaling \$75,000, for "successful implementation of a specific literacy promotion practice." Winners are selected from the three categories above.

LOC is accepting applications beginning today through March 8. Further details, including a link to the application, can be found **here**.

4th Annual Historical Zine Contest – Make Washington History Come Alive!

strategic planning, etc.

- Outreach to diverse and underrepresented patron groups
- Rural and small libraries
- Young readers and community literacy
- New library-related competencies and workplace skills
- Technology and innovation
- Information literacy and #CritLib
- Equity, inclusion, and diversity.
- Reader's Advisory
- Sessions of interest to school, public, academic, and special libraries.

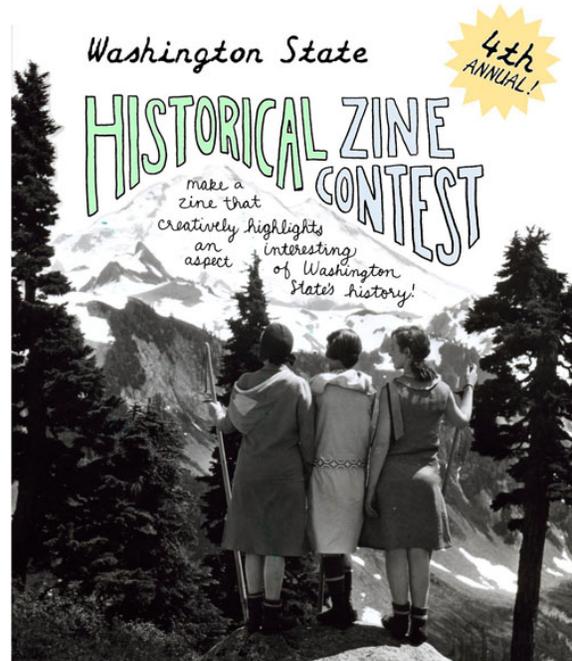
Program sessions will be either be 75 minutes, 45 minutes, or 10-minute lightning talks. PNLA is also seeking proposals to be considered for longer pre-conference sessions as well. The deadline for submissions is February 28 and submissions will receive a response from the planning committee by March 31.

Free Tickets to Bushwick Book Club Event on January 26

Bushwick Northwest recognizes the critical role that library workers play in our communities as facilitators, curators, and preservers of the written word in all its forms and mediums. To express their appreciation, they're offering library staff FREE tickets to their next event on January 26: *Original Music Inspired by James Baldwin's Another Country* at Hugo House on Capitol Hill.

This show will feature performances from some of Seattle's leading songwriters including Stephanie Anne Johnson (as seen on *The Voice*), leading violist and string arranger Alex Guy, and acclaimed folk artist Reggie Garrett. Click [here](#) to RSVP for FREE tickets to this event with the special code: **librarians**.

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.



The fourth annual zine contest deadline of February 15 is just a little over a month away, but there's still time to enter. The contest, which is sponsored by the **Washington State Library, Washington State Archives** and **Timberland Regional Library**, is open to 4th graders through adults of all ages who are Washington residents. See our [Zine contest webpage](#) for more information.

Tasveer South Asian Litfest



The **Tasveer South Asian Litfest (TSAL)**, January 11-20 in Seattle, brings together an eclectic group of poets, novelists, screenwriters, nonfiction and experimental writers expressing a wide range of South Asian diasporic voices on race, immigration, gender, identity, and publishing. Listen to the authors read from their writings and engage with them in discussion panels and workshops as they explore some of the major issues such as race, immigration, gender, sexuality, and politics that have shaped the lives and writings of the South Asian diaspora. TSAL is produced by Tasveer and funded by Seattle

Department of Neighborhoods. TSAL partners are Gardner Center for Asian Arts and Ideas, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Hugo House, KUOW, Northwest Film Forum, South Asia Center, UW Seattle and Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell.

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