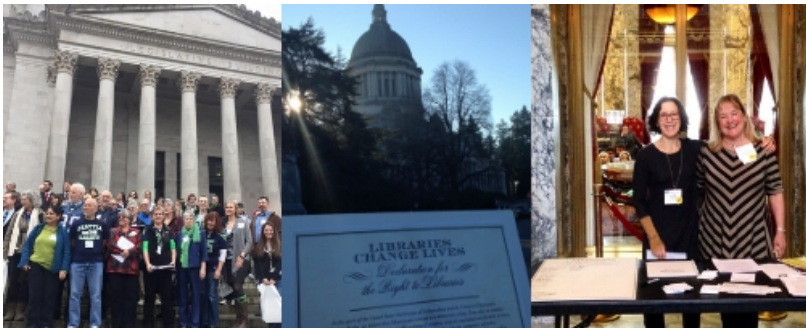# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 30, 2019

On this day: In 1815, after its entire collection was burned, the Library of Congress purchases Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 volumes (more than twice the number of volumes as had been destroyed).

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MAKING HEADLINES

WA Library Legislative Day Is Next Week!

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. **Learn more and register here!**

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Gonzaga University is seeking a **User Services Associate**. The position closes February 21.

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Library and Archival Professional 4**. The position is open until filled.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

2019 OLA-WLA Conference: Registration Is Live!

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **PT Public Services Assistant I**. The position closes February 14.

King County Library System is seeking a **Teen Services Librarian**. The position closes February 7.

Mount Vernon Library Foundation is seeking a **Development Director**. The position closes February 4.

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

Bellingham Technical College Joins WLA

WLA is excited to announce our newest Organizational Member: **Bellingham Technical College Library**!

With 35 associate degree and 43 certificate options, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) has provided skills-focused education to thousands of local and regional students since 1957. The Bellingham Technical College Library "supports the growing and changing information and distance education needs of the BTC communities in an environment which encourages learning and student success. The Library and Media Services provide responsive, individualized service and an accessible gateway to diverse resources."

WCCPBA 2019-2020 Nomination Deadline Is Near!

It's that time of year again where we are seeking nominations for the **Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA)** for the 2019-2020 school year. Do you know of a picture book this year that knocked your socks off or deserves a shoutout that will fall in love with the hearts of

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!

THE LEARNING CURVE

iYouth 2019 Conference: Departures & Disruptions

This year, the iYouth Conference will highlight the incredible work of local librarians and LIS students who are making meaningful change in their communities. Whether by departing from traditional methods/ideas of librarianship or disrupting current systems that aren't working for the communities they serve, there

Kindergarten through third graders across the great state of Washington?

The WCCPBA committee is looking for the following criteria:

- Select books from titles published in 2017, 2018, or 2019 that contain positive reviews from credible sources.
- The WLA member must have personally read the book.
- Nominate books in picture-book format and those that you consider to be a good read-aloud for a K-3 audience.
- These may be either fiction or nonfiction. Wordless books are not considered. We will not honor titles that are self-nominated.
- Titles on the final 20-book nomination list cannot be nominated next year.
- Books are to be in print and distributed in the United States.
- The ballot will not contain more than 20 titles.
- Please make sure that you are thorough on your entry!!!!

Please **submit 2020 ballot nominations** by February 1, 2019.

Overwhelm/Overcome: *Alki* Call for Submissions

Alki, the journal of the Washington Library Association, is currently accepting submissions for the upcoming spring issue: Overwhelm/Overcome.

Libraries, library staff, and our patrons are overwhelmed. Shrinking budgets, changing demographics, different expectations, political and social uncertainty, you name it. With the resurgence of movements like self-care, mindfulness, civic engagement, and community activism in the zeitgeist, libraries are in a prime position to meet the challenges of a changing world, starting from within. How are we coping, and how are we facing these challenges head on? If you have examples of overcoming being overwhelmed, this is a chance to share your stories and strategies with colleagues throughout Washington.

Please send your article idea(s) to **alkieditor@wla.org** and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title

are incredible change-makers in our libraries working to make them better for children, youth, and teens. **Registration** is free and now open.

If you are one of these change-makers, you're encouraged you to **submit a proposal** for the iYouth Conference! Program proposals must be submitted by February 1, 2019. All submissions will be notified of proposal status by February 8, 2019. The conference will take place on March 9, 2019 at the University of Washington.

If you have questions about the conference, **contact iYouth**.

PNLA Conference in Spokane (August 7 to 9)

Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is currently accepting proposals for conference programs for the summer 2019 **conference** in Spokane. Some good ones are rolling in, but there's still time for you to submit. Deadline to submit is February 28. Planning on attending the conference? Information on registration and hotel rates are up now.

Teacher Librarian Summit @ NCCE

For teacher librarians, staying agile, current, and relevant with technology, digital resources, and emerging STEM trends is more important than ever. Learn how to meet these challenges and transform your school library at the NCCE19 Teacher-Librarian Summit. The day's activities will be facilitated by author, Todd Burleson and NCCE's Tech-Savvy Librarian, Morgen Larsen. Todd is an

- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the spring issue is February 10, 2019. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for more details. Di Zhang, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

Yoga and Mindfulness in Your Library?

Does your library offer yoga, meditation, mindfulness, or other restorative practices for your staff? Linda Johns is working on an article for *Alki* on the topic and would love to feature you. She'd also like to hear from libraries doing patron programs on the same topic. Contact her at **linda.johns@spl.org** and she'll ask you a few quick questions.

Call for Photos: "2019 Best Practices from World Libraries" Photo Gallery

The **International Connections Committee** (ICC) of the **International Relations Round Table**(IRRT) at the **American Library Association** (ALA) cordially invites you to contribute a photo from your library that best demonstrates this year's ALA initiative, Libraries=Strong Communities, and help us build the **"**2019 Best Practices from World Libraries" virtual photo gallery. The photos will be displayed via our websites, publications and/or social media outlets. Selected submissions will be physically displayed at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. June 20-25, 2019.

The deadline for photo submissions is Friday, February 15, 2019.

Stronger Than Hate Challenge for Students 13+

international speaker, the Hubbard Woods Library Media Specialist in Winnetka, IL, home to the "IDEA Lab" and the School Library Journal 2016 School Librarian of the Year.

Todd's opening keynote, "Becoming Comfortable Being Uncomfortable," will help us explore the challenges we face in creating these 21st century libraries. Change is hard for everyone. This keynote will examine some of the obstacles and explore how we can use our creativity to address them. You'll be inspired, challenged and on the path to being comfortable being uncomfortable.

Todd will join Shannon Miller, Mark Ray, and Craig Seasholes in dialogue on current challenges, issues, needs and possibilities with our panel of TL All Stars. You will spend time collaborating with others while you devise and document plans for your library's transformation. Lastly, learn about tips, tricks, and new tech in breakout sessions and from fellow librarians as they present in our TL Smackdown.
This summit will be held Tuesday, February 26, 8:30 am–3:30 pm, during the **NCCE Conference** in Seattle. **Learn more and register here.**

WSL First Tuesdays Webinar: Fake News

Are you seeing a growing need in your community for better information literacy, especially when it comes to discerning online news? Join Di Zhang, Adult Services Librarian at The Seattle Public Library, to learn about resources and best practices for engaging students and community members around media literacy, and how to develop curriculum resources to teach about fake news.

This **First Tuesdays webinar** presented by the Washington State Library will be February 5 at 9:00 am PT.

Library Science Offerings at Central Washington University

Looking to expand your knowledge in library and information science? The library faculty of CWU James E. Brooks Library offer two LIS Programs with courses of interest to the library professional. Whether you are a seasoned library worker, or just getting started in the field, we welcome library workers of all backgrounds. Upcoming courses for Spring 2019 include:

Do you have what it takes to recognize hate in your school or community AND try to stop it? Students 13+ are eligible to participate in the **Stronger Than Hate Challenge** alone or in a team of 2-4 participants. Learn more about this powerful opportunity for teachers and understand how the challenge aligns to national education standards.

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.

- LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1 credit, online)
- LIS201 Foundations of Library and Information Science (3 credits, online)
- LIS245 Research Methods in the Digital Age (4 credits, online)
- LIS412 Library Management & Leadership (3 credits, online)
- LIS411 Introduction to Archives (3 credits, @ Ellensburg Campus)
- LIS298/398 Civic Engagement and Librarianship (3 credits, @ Ellensburg Campus)

For more details about the program, contact Program Coordinator Elizabeth Brown at **Elizabeth.brown@cwu.edu**, or visit the **program website**. Information about tuition may be found **here** (note that tuition is the same for traditional and non-matriculated students).

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