



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 20, 2019

On this day: In 1959, Jimi Hendrix played his first live show in the basement of Seattle's Temple De Hirsh at 16. He was fired halfway through his set for "showing off."

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### 2019 OLA-WLA Conference Spotlight: Poison Waters



The **2019 OLA-WLA Conference** kick-off reception is not to be missed! Join our very special host **Poison Waters** for an entertaining night at our Meet & Greet Reception with Drag Queen Bingo!

Entertaining for over 30 years, 2001 Rose Empress Poison Waters/Kevin Cook is famous in Portland, the Pacific Northwest, and internationally as a performer and volunteer. When Poison/Kevin aren't on the road, or donating time for a fundraiser, they entertain and co-host at the legendary Darcelle XV Showplace.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**Anne Wright Schools** is seeking a Library & Media Specialist. The position is open until March 13.

**Spokane County Library District** is seeking two Public Services Associates. These positions are open until March 1.

**King County Library System** is seeking a Library Technical Assistant. The position is open until February 28.

**Davis Wright Tremaine** is seeking a Systems Librarian. 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

### Applications for WASCLA Board of Directors Now Open

The WASCLA (Washington State Coalition for Language Access) Elections Committee is seeking candidates to apply to join the WASCLA Board of Directors, for 2-year terms to begin on April 1, 2019. WASCLA works at the policy level to ensure that language access is available in all service sectors including education, health, legal and courts, emergency services, and more. Visit the **WASCLA** website to learn more information and find the application form.

Applications are due no later than Monday, March 11, 2019.

### Scholarship Opportunity for STEM and Health Care in Washington State

The 2019 Opportunity Scholarship is now open! Washington state residents interested in pursuing a STEM or health care degree at a college or university in Washington state are encouraged to apply by Thursday, February 28, 2019. Click [here](#) to view the application and eligibility requirements, or to download promotional materials in both English and Spanish. The scholarship is offering up to \$22,500 per scholar in support of students

### Early Bird Deadline Approaching for 2019 OLA-WLA Conference



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 Early Bird discount ends Wednesday, March 6.

On behalf of the Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

### Preconference Spotlight: Managing the ICE Storm: Supporting Immigrants in Uncertain Times

Recent activities by federal immigration agencies, such as confronting and arresting immigrants in public places or attempting to access information about them have had such a frightening impact that many non-citizens (particularly Latinos) are no longer visiting libraries. What can public library staff do to legally, effectively, and compassionately support these vulnerable patrons? Featuring a panel of experts including nonprofit leaders, attorneys, and experienced outreach librarians, this session will discuss ways to positively respond to current immigrant enforcement trends and to ensure that the public library remains a safe and welcoming space for all.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Sponsored by REFORMA Oregon Round Table, OLA Legal Reference Round Table. Presented by Sarah

working towards 4-year STEM and health care degrees in Washington State.

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### **Penguin Random House Award for Innovation Through Adversity**

Penguin Random House and ALA have announced a new award that will recognize the staff of U.S. libraries who have overcome adversity to create lasting innovative community library service programs that inspire and connect with readers.

The award is open to public, school, and academic libraries, and the winning library will receive a \$10,000 award. Additionally, there can be up to four runner ups, with each runner up receiving \$1,000 worth of Penguin Random House books that they select.

The winning library will be recognized for efforts to overcome adversity, which can be economic or due to natural disaster. You can learn more about the award and apply [here](#).

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### **Emerald City Comic Con: Free Professional Development Opportunities**

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](#).

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### **PNLA Conference in Spokane (August 7 to 9): Deadline to Submit Proposals Approaching**

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.

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### **New Washington State Holocaust Survivor Encyclopedia**

B. White, Adult Services Librarian, Eugene Public Library; Angelica Novoa De Cordeiro, Bilingual Services Specialist, Canby Public Library; Gabriela Hernandez, Latino Services Specialist, Deschutes Public Library, and Alice Perez Ververa, Library Specialist III, Estacada Public Library

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### **iYouth Conference 2019**



DEPARTURES  
& DISRUPTIONS  
iYouth Conference 2019

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 are incredible change-makers in our libraries working to make them better for children, youth, and teens.

Hear from local public librarians, school librarians, students, and a local author! Enjoy free food at an afternoon reception and take home advance reading copies of upcoming titles! [Registration](#) is free and now open.

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### **Help Teens Build Financial Wellbeing at Your Library**

This webinar on Tuesday, February 26, in collaboration with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, provides resource and programming ideas for libraries to help teen patrons become empowered to navigate their financial futures.

While designed for a classroom, these activities can be translated into youth financial education programming in your library. A robust search feature provides access to free high school activities to teach the building blocks of financial capability on topics ranging from saving for short-term goals, to preventing fraud and identity theft, to budgeting and managing credit. Join presenters Leslie Jones, Rachel Grimes, and Kristin Linscott to learn how to help your teen patrons become

Look through the Holocaust Center for Humanity's new **Survivor Encyclopedia: Washington State** and explore video clips, photos, and artifacts.

**A Writing, Art, & Film Contest** encourages students to learn about the story of one local survivor. Through writing, art, or film, show how a local survivor's story impacts, affects, or inspires you. Winning entries will be displayed at the Holocaust Center for Humanity, and in publications throughout the year, and winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony. Teachers of 1st place winners will receive \$50, and teachers whose entire class enters will receive a gift. Entry deadline is May 1. The contest is open to students in grades 5-12.

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### **Ignite Education Lab Storytelling Event**

Hang onto your hats. For the fourth year in a row, the Seattle Times and Town Hall Seattle are offering an evening of inspiring stories. All told really fast. And all about education. You'll hear from students, teachers and parents. Most of the details remain the same: They're borrowing (with permission) the Ignite Seattle format — Each presenter shows 20 slides that automatically advance every 15 seconds, resulting in a fast-paced, five-minute talk.

This event will be Monday, March 11, 7:00–9:00 pm PT at the Campion Ballroom, Seattle University. Tickets are free but limited, so **get yours while you can**.

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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### **Webinar: Libraries and the 2020 Census**

State and local governments are organizing for the upcoming 2020 Census, and libraries should have a seat at the table. Governors, state legislators, mayors, philanthropic funders and other leaders across the country are forming Complete Count Committees and allocating resources to help get communities get counted. These efforts offer library staff and supporters opportunities to increase awareness of library services, strengthen community relationships, and support libraries' work related to census outreach. Hear from librarians who have been involved with Complete Count efforts and learn about new advocacy resources from ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy team.

This webinar will take place Wednesday, February 27 from 1:00-2:00 pm PT. **Register here.**

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### **Women in Leadership: What the Science Says & How to Move Forward in the Era of #MeToo Webinar**

Women in the United States have more freedom than ever before to pursue career goals. So why do they remain under-represented at the top of the workforce, even in libraries where there are so many women? Dive into the social science of gender perception and learn what the research reveals. Among the questions addressed: What is "imposter syndrome?" What characteristics do most Americans believe make a leader, and why is having those qualities not enough? How do we move toward a more equitable, and successful, future? This presentation is about women and open to people of all genders. This presentation is on March 5 at 9:00 am PT. **Register here.**

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