



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 3, 2019

On this day: In 2010, the first Apple iPad was released.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Washington Library Snapshot Day

Join us in celebrating Library Snapshot Day, **April 7-20**, two weeks of advocacy for our libraries, archives and special collections across the state! Show us a “day in the life” at your library or repository! We want to see your programs, your collections, your people (with their permission, of course!), your catalogs, your shelves, your study spaces, your meetings... ALL THE THINGS, shared in whatever social media format you choose.

All you need to know to participate is found [here](#). Remember to tag #LibrarySnapshot and @WaLibAssn in any posts so we'll be able to curate your photos and posts.

Got questions or want to help tell our Snapshot Story? Contact the **WLA office** or **Craig Seasholes** with any questions.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking a **Public Service Assistant** at the Kent Library. The position is open until April 4.

Grays Harbor College is seeking an **Instruction and Reference Librarian**. The position is open until filled. They are also seeing a **Library Clerical Assistant**. The position is open until April 10.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**Conference Crunch: Two Weeks Until
OLA-WLA 2019!**

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a **Childrens Services Librarian**. The position is open until April 7.

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP is hiring a **Law Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Lakeside School is seeking an **Upper School Librarian**. The position is open until June 14.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a full-time **Library Associate**. This position is open until April 17. They are also seeking a part-time **Library Associate**. The position is open until April 16.

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

National Library Workers Day



Recognize all library workers who make library service possible every day on **National Library Workers Day (NLWD) Tuesday, April 9, 2019**. This day is designated as a day for library users, administrators, staff, supporters, communities and friends to recognize the valuable contributions made by all of those who work in libraries. Libraries and organizations are encouraged to host celebrations and **submit names of stars** to honor great workers, teams and/or departments.

March *Aiki*: Overwhelm/Overcome



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

The **2019 OLA-WLA Conference** is almost upon us! Now is the time to review the **schedule of events**, read about your favorite **sessions**, or plan your route through our exhibit hall with almost **70 exhibitors**. There is still time to **register** for the conference or to add a **preconference** to an existing registration. Those looking for **lodging** can spend the weekend at the elegant and rustic **Heathman Lodge**, and to make the most of your trip to Vancouver visit our **local information** page, including a customized **destination microsite** created by Visit Vancouver.

Preconference Spotlight: VR: Ready for Its Reality?

Virtual Reality (VR) is THE next technology tool for nearly everything, including education. So with a focus on educational value, the Washington State Library (WSL) distributed fifty Oculus VR systems into public libraries beginning in January 2018. Come hear a team of panelist from the WSL, the University of Washington iSchool, Oculus/Facebook Technologies, and the libraries share a wealth of information from this VR in Libraries Project on facilitating educational VR programs. Plus, we'll outline coding and certification opportunities in Unity (a VR coding platform), talk about VR's future, and offer hands on VR experiences using the Rift, the GO, and other VR platforms.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Presented by Joe Olayvar, Info Tech Consultant, Washington State Library; Cindy Aden, State Librarian, Washington State Library; Cynthia McCurdy, Oculus Education Project Manager, Oculus /



The March 2019 issue of *Alki*, the journal of the Washington Library Association, is **now available online!**

Libraries, library staff, and our patrons are overwhelmed. Shrinking budgets, changing demographics, different expectations, political and social uncertainty, you name it. This issue of *Alki* is about how we cope, and how to face these challenges head on. We start things off with a look at the increasingly used e-collection at SPL, where budgets are struggling to keep up with demand. We also take a look at how the Bellingham Public Library responded to a shelter crisis with open arms. Further in, you'll find pieces on yoga, self-care, innovative programs, and much more. There's even a meditative poem! And of course, we check in on our regular features, "I'd Rather Be Reading," "Read This Book," and "Dispatches from Swellville." Enjoy all this and more in the new issue of *Alki*!

Article: Top Tech Trends for Libraries

Kenneth J. Varnum, Senior Program Manager for Discovery, Delivery, and Library Analytics at the University of Michigan Library, talks about public-facing technology in academic, corporate, and special libraries and how to deal with tech trends, obsolescence, and how to get the most bang for your buck on a limited budget. Read more [here](#).

Norwescon: The Northwest's Premier Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention

Facebook; Negin Dahya, Research Analyst, University of Washington's Information School.

THE LEARNING CURVE



Special Library Association Career Night

Interested in working in Special Libraries? Want to find out more? Or are you an existing professional looking to network and meet your peers? Please join us for Special Libraries Association's Career Night at the UW Horticultural Center. Refreshments and heavy appetizers will be served.

This event will take place April 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Learn more about this event and RSVP [here](#).

Webinar: Using Technology to Aid Your Advocacy Outcomes

What if you could use current data science and polling to tweak your message or determine the sort of advocacy or legislative efforts you should be tracking and working on next month, next year, or even five years out? In a way you now can—by using technology to identify which legislators are likely to get elected, how trends are emerging, what the current temperature is, and where things are likely to move. Join experts in the fields of polling, artificial intelligence, and machine learning to hear ways you can innovate and use technology to help craft your advocacy message and aid outcomes.

This webinar will take place **Wednesday, April 10** from 11:00 am–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

Webinar: Library Love for LibraryReads

LibraryReads is a librarian-driven venture where public library staff can help build word-of-mouth for new books. Hear from representatives from HarperCollins Publishers, Ingram Content Group (Counterpoint Press, House of Anansi Press, and TouchWood

Norwescon is the Pacific Northwest's premier science fiction and fantasy convention and one of the largest regional science fiction and fantasy conventions in the United States. While maintaining a primarily literary focus, Norwescon is large enough to provide a venue for many of the other aspects of science fiction and fantasy and the interests of its fans such as anime, costuming, art, gaming, and much, much more. Learn about this event [here](#).

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.

Editions), Macmillan Publishers, Sourcebooks, and W. W. Norton & Company, who share forthcoming titles perfect for public libraries and for your LibraryReads nominations. This free one-hour webinar will be moderated by Adult Books editor Donna Seaman.

This webinar will take place **Tuesday, April 23** from 11:00 am–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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