



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 1, 2019

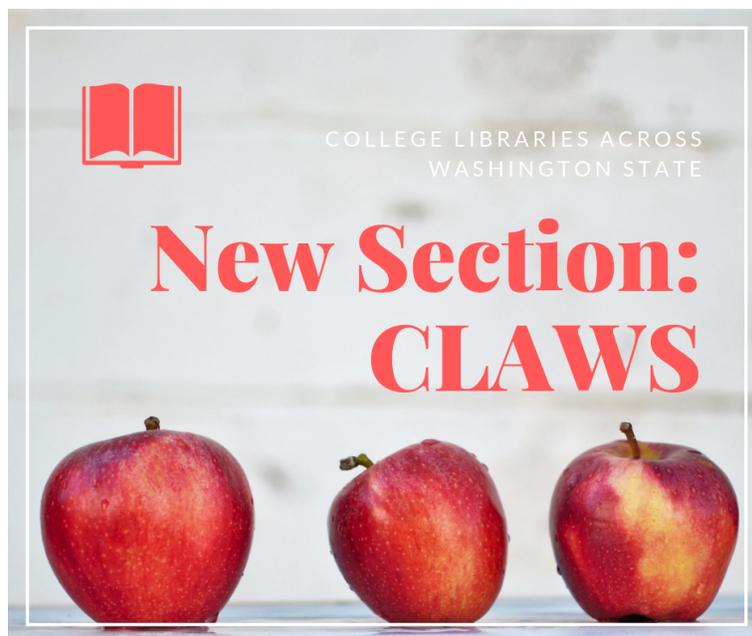
On this day: In 1939, Batman first appears in *Detective Comics #27*.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Meet CLAWS: CLAMS to Merge with WLA, Form New Section



WLA is excited to announce that **CLAMS (College Librarians and Media Specialists of Washington)** has voted to dissolve and join WLA. They will form a new WLA Section with a catchy new name: College Libraries Across Washington State (CLAWS). CLAWS will continue to serve as a hub for library professionals in the Community and Technical Colleges system of Washington State. Let's give CLAWS a warm WLA welcome!

The conversation with CLAMS began in 2017, and since then leaders from WLA and CLAMS have worked closely to make sure both sides are fairly and clearly represented in a memorandum of understanding. During the April 17 board meeting at the OLA-WLA Conference in Vancouver, the WLA Board voted to approve both

the CLAMS merger and the petition to form the new CLAWS Section.

Until the next WLA Elections, CLAWS will be led by a steering committee consisting of several members who petitioned to start the new Section: Heath Hayden, Greg Bem, Rowena McKernan, and Jessica Koshi-Lum.

If you're interested in becoming a WLA member, you can [join both CLAWS and WLA here](#). If you're already a WLA member, you can [join CLAWS for free!](#)

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Collection Management Librarian](#). The position is open until May 6.

Cornish College of the Arts Library is seeking a [Performing Arts Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Library is seeking a [Library Associate](#) located in Medical Lake. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Law Library is seeking a [Law Librarian I](#). The position is open until May 6.

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Temporary Library Archivist](#). The position is open until filled.

The Mukilteo School District is seeking a [Teacher Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking an [Associate Dean for Research and Learning Services](#). The position is open until filled.

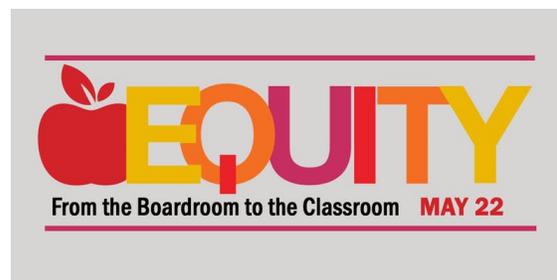
If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please [email](#) us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

WLA Book Awards: 2019 Voting & 2020 Nominees

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Equity: From the Boardroom to the Classroom



WSSDA, AWSP, and WASA are partnering to offer the fourth annual [Equity Conference](#). The overall goal of this conference is to increase organizational leadership capacity by providing systemic strategies for equity and access so all students can achieve at a high level. Participants from school districts, ESDs, and state agencies will focus on research-based, high-leverage core practices necessary for organizational growth in leadership for equity.

This one-day conference will take place **Wednesday, May 22, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM** in Seattle. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

CAYAS Webinar: Serving Teens with Disabilities in the Library

Learn how to more effectively serve teens with a wide range of disabilities in public and school libraries. We will cover best practices for interacting with this population, how to help them access information that is relevant to them, programming ideas, how to build accessible and inclusive spaces, and funding



Voting deadlines are approaching for WLA's 2019 book awards, and 2020 nominees have been announced!

Sponsored by WLA's **School Library Division**, these committee-selected, student-voted awards spotlight books from different genres and age ranges. Check out each award page for a list of stellar books, lesson plan tie-ins, activities, and more!

Towner Award

The **Towner Award** is an informational texts award for grades 2-6. Voting for the 2019 Award closes Wednesday, May 15. Check out the 2020 nominees [here!](#)

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award

The Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (**WCCPBA**) is a picture book award for grades K-3. Voting for the 2019 award closes Saturday, May 4. Check out the 2020 nominees [here!](#)

Sasquatch Award

The **Sasquatch Award** is a chapter book award for grades 4-6. Voting for the 2019 Sasquatch Award closes Friday, May 3. Check out the 2020 nominees [here!](#)

OTTER Award

The **OTTER Award** is an award for transitional readers in grades 1-3. Voting for the 2019 OTTER Award closes Friday, May 10. Check out the 2020 nominees [here!](#)

WLA Merit Award Nominations Open June 5



opportunities.

This hour-long webinar will take place Friday, May 3 at 11:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#). Presented by Stephanie Allen, Kinsey Campbell, Samuel Faulk, and Ashley Gregory, as part of their UW iSchool capstone project.

Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference



Registration is now open for the 18th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference! The conference will take place September 12-13 at Portland Community College - Sylvania.

The keynote speaker is Nancy Pearl, the well-known Seattle-based librarian, literary critic, author, and action-figure!

This year's program topics include:

- International borrowing and lending
- Incorporating accessibility into ILL
- Budget and data analysis
- Free borrowing
- New and emerging ILL resources
- Rethinking ILL policies, workflows, and procedures
- Ask Anything sessions
- And more!

Visit the [conference website](#) to register. Look for a full program later this month!

NWILL scholarships are available. Scholarships will include a waived registration fee and \$500 to cover travel expenses.

ARSL Conference: Scholarships Available for Small & Rural Library Staff in Washington

The Washington State Library will fund two scholarships to the **Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2019 Conference** in Burlington, Vermont. Preference will be given

Do you know any rockstar library professionals, advocates, students, or groups that deserve to be recognized for their support of or contributions to libraries in Washington? Nominate them for a [WLA Merit Award](#)! We will begin accepting nominations June 5.

Chose Privacy Week 2019



This year's theme for [Choose Privacy Week](#) (May 1-7, 2019), "Inclusive Privacy: Closing the Gap," draws attention to the privacy inequities imposed on vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations and highlights how libraries can close the privacy gap for those who need it most.

During Choose Privacy Week, library workers, trustees, and library users are all invited to join a week-long online conversation featuring commentaries by librarians, educators, and privacy experts addressing these issues on the front lines of librarianship. Learn more [here](#).

Why Being Bad Is So Good: The Limits of Vocational Awe

At the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference, Fobazi M. Ettarh spoke about [vocational awe](#), how it affects library workers, and what she does to combat its negative side effects.

"Vocational awe underpins the narrative of librarianship," she began. "It defines the set of ideas, values, and assumptions librarians have about themselves and the profession that result in beliefs that libraries as institutions are inherently good and sacred and therefore beyond critique." [Read more 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.

to applicants who have not won this scholarship before. The value of the scholarship is approximately \$2,000. The scholarship will fund travel, lodging, and conference registration. ARSL Conference dates are September 4-7, 2019. [Apply](#) by May 31.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be from a public or tribal library or library branch serving a population of 10,000 or less in Washington State.
- Scholarship awardees must commit to a doing follow-up project.

You can find more information about the ARSL grant application [here](#).

Webinar: Reading Life Between the Lines: Using Children's & Young Adult Literature to Have Tough Conversations About Diversity

This First Tuesdays workshop, conducted by Dr. Michelle H. Martin, will teach teachers, librarians, school boards, administrators and youth leaders strategies for using Children's & Young Adult Literature with readers of any age to engage with questions of identity and difference and will help participants increase their cultural competence for working with young people in educational or recreational settings.

This workshop will take place Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00 am PT. You can learn more and register [here](#). Presented by Dr. Michelle H. Martin, University of Washington, iSchool.

Webinar: Sizzling Summer Reads You May Not Have Heard of (That You'll Wish You Had)

In this webinar the staff librarians at OverDrive will share some of the latest titles you'll want to have at the beach, patio, coffeehouse or wherever you read this summer. We'll have a few you may have heard of, but many you haven't. In one short hour, you'll leave with your summer reading list together and ready for fun in the sun.

This workshop will take place Thursday, May 16 at 11:00 am PT. You can learn and register [here](#).

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