



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 29, 2019

On this day: In 1851, Sojourner Truth addresses the Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, an impromptu delivery that will eventually be known as her "Ain't I a Woman" speech.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Applications Open for 2019-20 WLA Scholarships

Applications are open for [WLA scholarships](#), awarded by the [Professional Development Committee](#) to support the education and professional development of WLA members. Applications are due August 1, and winners will be announced September 4.

- **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship:** \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*

[LOOK WHO'S HIRING](#)

[CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE](#)

Walla Walla Community College is seeking a **Librarian (temporary)**. The position is open until filled.

Seattle Public Schools is seeking a **High School Librarian**. The position closes June 3.

Washington State Library is seeking two **Branch Library Associates** in Monroe, Washington. The positions are open until filled.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Branch Manager**. The position is open until June 3.

Washington State University is seeking a **Science Librarian**. The position closes June 2.

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a **Library Administrative Services Manager**. The position closes June 17.

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

Call for Submissions: Summer 2019 *Alki*



It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*!

The theme for Summer 2019 is "literacy." Libraries have been in the business of building literacy for years... What projects, practices and programs have you worked on or want to work on to improve literacy in your libraries and communities? Do you have an innovative summer reading program to showcase? Are you working to reduce the digital divide? Perhaps countering misinformation with news and media literacy? What about game literacy

Washington at ALA Annual 2019



Quickly approaching is the **ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition** in Washington, D.C.! Library workers from across the globe will congregate in the capitol. Here are just some of the diverse programs from WLA members:

XR (Augmented, Mixed and Virtual Reality) Programming in Libraries
Monday, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Learning From Each Other: Intergenerational Learning with Storytelling and STEM
Sunday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Spectrum Institute: Navigating Oppression
Friday, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Saying the Magic Words: Communicating and Proving the Value of Workforce Development Partnerships in Libraries
Saturday, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Keep It LOCAL: Designing Effective Outreach for Children and Families in Your Communities
Saturday, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

THE LEARNING CURVE

Getting to the Heart of the Community Through Discovery

Community discovery is a process of forging vital and ongoing connection between the library and its community members. The more people are involved in planning and

or financial literacy? There's so many types of literacy and we want to hear about which ones you're passionate about!

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

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- 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 Summer issue is June 28, 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.

Submit to Alki Milestones

Alki is also seeking submissions for the Milestones section. Milestones focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide—recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Di Zhang](#), *Alki* editor.

2019 Towner Book Award Winner Announced

WLA's [Towner Book Award](#) Committee is thrilled to announce that the young people of Washington State have elected *This Book Isn't Safe* by Colin Furze as the 2019 Towner Award Winner.

programming, the more they are invested in the success of the library. While many libraries collect community input primarily through surveys, there are other, more interactive and interpersonal tools that can uncover the heart and aspirations of the community. Explore tools and strategies that start meaningful conversations and foster collaborative engagement on everything from strategic and space planning to programming. Learn how you can join your library and your community at the heart.

Tune in Tuesday, June 11 at 12:00 PM PT. Register [here](#).

Presented by: Betha Gutsche, WebJunction Programs Manager, OCLC.

Summer Book Bingo for Adults!

Looking for an easy, free program for book-loving adults this summer? The Washington Center for the Book has created a [summer book bingo card](#) you can download for you and your patrons.

Queer Press Fest

On Sunday, July 14, the Push/Pull gallery in Seattle is bringing you [a full day dedicated to LGBTQ+ aka Queer creators](#) in comics and zines. This year we're partnering up with [Emerald Comics Distro](#) to bring you the widest selection possible.

What to expect? Tables full of books, art, and other goodies from queer creators. Special appearances by queer creators. Exclusive stickers just for coming!

Totally free to attend. Many of the publications are appropriate for all ages and will be clearly marked.

Poets in the Park: Poetry Festival, Book Fair & Picnic

On Saturday, July 20 in Redmond, [Poets in the Park](#) will once again feature groups and organizations, with 25-minute reading slots. There are also 55-minute workshops, a book fair, vendors, open-mic readings, installations, ice cream, and more—and it's all free! The theme is "Celebrating the Land," and some highlights include:



"Colin Furze's bonkers and brilliant inventions such as a homemade hoverbike, DIY Wolverine Claws, an alarm clock ejector bed, and Hoover shoes have earned him 4.5 million YouTube subscribers and more than 450 million video views. Now Colin is on a mission to inspire a new generation of budding inventors with *This Book Isn't Safe!*"

For more information about Colin please visit him on [YouTube](#) or his [website](#). Thank you to everyone who read and voted!

WLA Election Nominations Open June 5

Are you looking for leadership experience? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? Want to give back to Washington's library communities? WLA wants you!

Nominations open June 5 for all vacant 2020 WLA leadership positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Division and Section steering committees. Nominate yourself or another WLA member by August 15.

WLA Merit Award Nominations Open June 5



- Teachings of the First People: Native American Story and Myth with Roger Fernandes, Lower Elwah S'Klallam Tribal Storyteller
- Music by Band of Poets
- Environment-themed poetry workshops by Christianne Balk, Tara Hardy, Jeffrey Morgan, and Carolyne Wright
- Washington Poetic Routes reading, coordinated by Claudia Castro Luna, Washington state poet laureate
- Poetry readings by more than a dozen organizations
- More than 65 featured poets
- New book showcase readings
- Open-mic readings
- Art installations by Los Pajaros Gallery and VALA Arts (plus craft activities)
- Chalk art, poetry on sticks, and other surprises, plus free ice cream!

NCCE's Maker Camps = Learning + Fun!

NCCE's popular **Maker Camp** returns with two sessions in August 2019! Join some of NCCE's most popular trainers for two days of hands-on exploration and fun at the beautiful Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, Washington (just 90 minutes south of Seattle). Conn McQuinn and other experienced Maker educators will provide you with rich classroom-friendly Making experiences in a relaxing and picturesque setting. Rustic cabin lodging and delicious meals are included in the registration fee. Sign up for both camps for an even more powerful experience!

The first camp is "Budget-Friendly Makerspaces" (August 6-7). Makerspaces often focus on expensive, high-tech options, but you can create exciting and engaging experiences for your students with inexpensive tools and materials. Leave this camp armed with ready-to-use activities and ideas.

The second camp is "Tech-Ful Makerspaces" (August 8-9). The cost of many technical Makerspace tools and resources continues to drop, providing schools with many exciting opportunities for empowering students with 21st Century learning experiences. These higher-tech systems often require more time to explore effectively, and this camp will let you dive more deeply into discovering the possibilities for you and your students.

Busting Dementia Stigma – One Children's Book at a Time

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.

When Libraries Are "Second Responders"

Last week, Deborah Fallows published an article in *The Atlantic* that talks about the role libraries play in community crisis response.

"In Ferguson, Missouri," Fallows writes, "the public library stayed open when the schools were closed after the riots, to offer the kids a safe place and even classes taught by volunteers. After the hurricanes in Houston, some library websites were immediately up and running, announcing that they were open for business. After Hurricane Sandy, some libraries in New Jersey became places of refuge." [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.

A [handout](#) and [poster](#) was designed by the WA State Dementia Action Collaborative for parents, caregivers, teachers and librarians to help build dementia awareness. Included are criteria to help you evaluate children's books and select ones that carry a respectful message. Recommended books for children pre-kindergarten through elementary grades are included.

How to Extrovert (When You Have To)

[This article](#) by Jenn Carson in *Programming Librarian* talks about facing an audience, which often comes with the job of being a programming librarian. Even the most introverted can take on the task with enough preparation.

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