



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 5, 2019

On this day: In 1956, Elvis Presley first performed his version of "Hound Dog," recorded originally by Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton, on *The Milton Berle Show*.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Nominations Open for WLA Elections

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 are now open 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.

Nominations Open for WLA Merit Awards

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!** Nominations are due August 15.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian**. The position is open until June 12.

The Regional Arts & Culture Council is seeing a **Director of Advancements and Innovative Partnerships**. The position is open until June 14.

The Jefferson County Library is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian I**. The position is

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

ALA Annual: Dining in DC

Heading to ALA Annual in Washington, D.C? **This article** in American Libraries details the tastiest dining options in the capitol to try during your stay.

THE LEARNING CURVE

open until June 21. They are also seeking an [Acquisitions/Public Services Librarian I](#). The position is open until June 21.

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

Submit to Alki Milestones

Alki is 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.

Survey for Small & Rural Libraries

The WLA Small & Rural Libraries Task Force is working to recommend concrete steps for the Washington Library Association to better serve small and rural libraries. One of their first tasks is to conduct a survey.

If you work at a small or rural library, please take a few minutes to complete [the short survey](#) by June 19. Thank you for your participation!

Launch of the 2019 Development and Access to Information Report

the [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#) (IFLA) launched the 2019 edition of the [Development and Access to Information report](#), on the occasion of the President's Meeting in Buenos Aires. The report also highlights the difference that libraries can make in each of the dimensions of access to information.

Webinar: Hooray for Freedom!

Part one in a two-part series, this webinar explores intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality in practical, actionable ways.

This one-hour webinar will take place Thursday, July 11 from 12-1 PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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.

Is Diverse Fiction a New Genre?

In [this article](#) in Bookriot, Enobong Essien writes about the drawbacks of lumping diverse fiction into a single genre.

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:

- Teachings of the First People: Native American Story and Myth with Roger

Computer Science Education 2019-20 Competitive Grant Opportunity

The 2019 Washington State Legislature allocated \$1,000,000 of the general fund in Fiscal Year 2020 for computer science education. These funds are designated for: (1) Teacher training and credentialing in computer science; (2) Technology upgrades needed to learn computer science; and (3) Engaging students in computer science.

Application materials must be submitted via the [online application](#) and are due on July 1, 2019. Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

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.

Grant Opportunity from the Yiddish Book Center

The Yiddish Book Center's "Coming to America" Reading Groups for Public Libraries is a reading and discussion program to engage teens and adults in thinking about immigrants' experiences encountering America.

Public library workers can apply by August 16, 2019, to be part of the program. Participants will receive training and resources to help them lead a reading group that will explore three books of Yiddish literature in translation, as well as one book related to an immigrant community served by their library.

Up to 30 public libraries will be selected. Learn more and apply online [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.

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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!

Serve on the Washington State Library's STEAM Advisory Committee

The Washington State Library (WSL) is currently recruiting for committee members to provide guidance around the WSL's statewide science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) initiatives. We anticipate the advisory committee will meet at least quarterly online (1-2 hours), and in-person annually for a whole or half-day. The advisory committee's 12-15 members may come from libraries of all types and sizes, schools, non-profits such as museums or advocacy organizations, business, and industry. Committee members will serve a term of 1-2 years. Please share this opportunity with individuals and organizations. The deadline for submitting an application is Tuesday, June 11. Additional information and application are [here](#).

Olympia Zine Fest: POC Tabling Scholarships Now Open

The Olympia Zine Fest, October 25-27, has established a scholarship fund that will allow eight POC to table their zines free of charge to prioritize and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.

[Apply here by June 30](#). Recipients will be chosen by lottery and notified before general tabling applications open on July 17.

