



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 11, 2019

On this day: In 1959, Duke Ellington was awarded the Spingarn Medal for his musical achievements.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Registration Open for the WLA Awards Reception



Come celebrate with your colleagues from around the state at the **WLA Awards Reception!** WLA members and their guests are invited to the NCRL Distribution Center in Wenatchee on October 5 to celebrate Merit Award winners, incoming and outgoing WLA leadership, and scholarship winners, who received a total of \$5,500!

Due to the timing of the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference, we didn't have the opportunity to hold our traditional awards lunch after the elections and awards cycle. This reception will allow us to recognize those leaders and go-getters during the usual timing of WLA's annual conference.

Registration is free for all WLA members, with a nominal fee for non-members.

## Call for Alki Submissions: The Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Issue

It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*! The theme for Fall 2019 is "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." In these challenging times, our profession has an opportunity and a responsibility to rethink how we engage communities that are using our libraries, and also those that are not. Many organizations and library staff are setting bold visions, policies, programs, and examples for creating spaces of inclusion, empowerment, and belonging for everyone, particularly those who are underrepresented and marginalized. This issue is devoted to this goal and the ongoing work needed to achieve it. If you or someone you know are doing this work, and would like to write about it, please consider sending your article idea(s) to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto: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 Fall issue is October 18, 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.

### LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Liberty Lake Municipal Library is seeking a **Library Associate**. The position is open until September 30.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Supervising Public Services Assistant**. The position is open until September 19.

The Washington State Department of Transportation is seeking a **Digital and Print Collections Librarian**. The position is open until September 24.

CellNetix is seeking a **Slide Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Law Librarian 1 or 2**. the position is open until filled.

**The Pacific Northwest Library Association** (PNLA) lists job openings

### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

#### Call for Proposals: Library Instruction West 2020

Library Instruction West (#liw20) seeks proposals for its 14th conference to be held July 22-24, 2020. The conference theme is Justice. The concept of justice raises more questions than answers: justice for whom, and when? What does justice look like when done well? Is justice something that can ever be achieved, or is it the goal toward which we continually work?

The conference organizing committee seeks creative, dynamic session proposals that engage with the conference theme. How can instruction in libraries yield more just outcomes for our learners and library workers? How does "justice" differ from neutrality, fairness, or open-mindedness? How do libraries perpetuate injustice, and what steps can we take to address oppression and

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

### New WLA Listserv Policy Approved

The WLA Board voted in August to approve a new **Listsrv Policy** for all WLA listservs, open to WLA members. This and all policies for the Washington Library Association can be found on the **Policies & Governing Documents** page of the WLA website.

### WLA Elections Are Open Through September 23!

Members of WLA are invited to vote in the 2020 Elections! Voting is open August 27–September 23, 2019. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

Take a look at our candidates [here!](#)

Winners will be announced September 25 in the WLA Wednesday newsletter, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the **Awards Reception** on October 5 in Wenatchee. The new elected terms will begin January 1.

### National Library Legislative Day 2020

ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office is excited to announce that **National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) 2020** will be held at Georgetown University Conference Center in Washington, D.C., on May 4-5. NLLD is a two-day educational event designed to provide attendees with the opportunity to learn from policy experts, caucus with other advocates from their state, and meet with decision makers on Capitol Hill to raise awareness about the importance of libraries to communities across the country.

### Puget Sound Council Meeting

inequality in our workplaces?

The deadline for proposals is Monday, September 23, 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

### Save the Date: WLA Virtual Conference

Mark your calendars for the first-ever WLA Virtual Conference on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! This all-day event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to build connections and envision the future of libraries.

By holding this conference online, we're able to lower the barriers of attending and presenting that many face due to limited staffing, funding, or location. Stay tuned for more information about the schedule, keynotes, registration, and opportunities for group viewings. Programs will be focused on three topic tracks: *Emergent Technologies*, *Career & Professional Development*, and *Marketing & Communications*. Special consideration will be given to programs relevant to small and rural libraries.

### Save the Date: WLA Academic Library Conference



WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference**. This all-day event will be held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Stay tuned for more details!

### Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference

Love reading and reviewing new books? Love adding those books to your library for free? Join Puget Sound Council! PSC meets every other month in Shoreline to peruse newly published books, share oral reviews of hot titles, chat about what's new in the library world, and eat delicious treats. The first meeting of the new school year is this Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9-11am at the Shoreline Conference Center - Professional Library - Building H (by the soccer fields). More information can be found [here](#).

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### Applications Open for ALA Spectrum Scholarships

Are you or someone you know a prospective/current MLIS student of color who would be a great fit for the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program? The application cycle for the 2020 cohort of Scholars is now open! More information can be found [here](#).

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### Lyrics as Literature: Using Hip-Hop Lyrics in Library Lessons

In [this article](#) in *American Libraries*, Joquetta Johnson writes about her lesson plans using hip-hop lyrics to engage and empower her students. Lyrics as Literature "is a series of four lessons designed to support the district curriculum, amplify student voices, and bring awareness to social justice issues. Each lesson is grounded in one or more elements of hip-hop culture and uses a variety of library resources. Hip-hop song lyrics are literature—an invitation for learners to explore perspectives, culturally momentous events, and the underlying message of our shared humanity."

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### Seattle Children's Book Festival



Mark your calendars the first-ever **Seattle Children's Book Festival!** This event will take



Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference!**

When: October 7-10, 2020

Where: Spokane Convention Center

A request for conference proposals will be sent out in early 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### CAYAS Fall Workshop: Diversify Your Services, Refocus Your STEM Lens

Registration is now open for the CAYAS Fall Workshop! Join public and school library professionals for a day of learning! Discover strategies for using Children's & Young Adult Literature to engage readers of all ages with discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Be introduced to new story time practices and new books for youth. Learn about providing STEM programming in a library setting. This workshop is appropriate for anyone serving ages 0 through 18 in libraries. Breakfast and snacks provided. Lunch on your own. Learn more and register [here](#).

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### Webinar: Genealogy: More than Ancestry.com

While Ancestry.com may be one of the most popular digital resources for genealogical research it isn't the only one. There are many resources available to the family history researcher for free, you just have to know where to look. If you would like links to excellent genealogical websites, a list of recommended books, an idea of what non-

place at Greenwood Elementary on September 28 from 11:00 am–3:00 pm and feature authors and illustrations like Ben Clanton, LeUyen Pham, and Varian Johnson.

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### Harlequin & Macmillan Teen + Adult Book Review

Harlequin and Macmillan will be at the King County Library System Service Center (960 Newport Way NW) Monday, September 23 10:00 am–2:00 pm to give you an exclusive sneak peek at their upcoming TEEN + ADULT titles. Come and hear about their books, meet some of the authors, get ornamented by a local henna artist, and take home books. Food and drink provided. Seating is limited, so please **RSVP!**

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### Evergreen Teen Book Awards 2021 Nominations

Friday, September 13, will be the last date for accepting nomination considerations for the 2021 Evergreen Teen Book Award cycle. Any book can be nominated, as long as it was published in 2018, is or can be popular with teens, and deserves to be promoted or celebrated. Nominations will be accepted from students, teachers, and librarians. You can submit a title [here](#).

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This webinar will take place Thursday, September 12 from 10:00–11:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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### Webinar: Library Marketing Basics: Promoting on a Shoestring Budget

Meet Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Library Outreach Mark Aaron Polger and his latest book, *Library Marketing Basics*, a resource designed for those new to library marketing. In this free, one-hour webinar, Mark will talk “true” marketing and how to apply it to your library. You’ll hear about tools to plan and implement marketing campaigns, examples of marketing plans, social media marketing guidelines, brand audits, and how to get buy-in from your colleagues and your stakeholders.

This webinar will take place Friday, September 13 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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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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