



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 18, 2019

On this day: In 1793, US President George Washington lays the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

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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 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

Primary Source is seeking an **Administrative Assistant**. The position is open until filled.

Edmonds School District is seeking a **Library Information Specialist**. The position is open until September 26.

Seattle Children's Research Institute is seeking a **Library Services Manager**. The position is open until filled.

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

Warner Pacific University is seeking an **Electronic Services and Instruction Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

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.

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

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.

WLA Meetup at Seattle Children's Book Festival



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

Join members of WLA at **Luso Food & Wine** after the festival for a no-host gathering!

Free Books from the Washington State Library

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



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

Gently used books donated by Washington libraries are available for redistribution to libraries and schools in Washington State. Titles change frequently so check back often for best selection—first come, first served! Some titles are available in book club/classroom sets. New titles available now, including the popular young adult novel, *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys; Oprah's Book Club selection, *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue; and others. Order [here](#)!

Banned Books Week: Dear Banned Author



Dear Banned Author is a letter-writing campaign hosted by the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. During **Banned Books Week** (September 22-28), readers are encouraged to write (or tweet) to banned or challenged authors, sharing what their stories meant to them. The goal of the campaign is to not only raise awareness of books that are threatened with censorship and support authors, but also encourage thoughtful discussions about the power of words and how essential it is to have access to a variety of viewpoints in libraries.

Process Matters in Design

In **this article** in *American Libraries* by Meredith Farkas, learn about Participatory Design in creating structures, technologies, and learning experiences that are accessible to all students, patrons, or other stakeholders.

Leadership & Supervisory Training from the Washington State Library

Washington State Library has scheduled two training sessions in Western WA with Jan Dwyer Bang, a speaker and presenter who focuses on developing supervisory and leadership skills. Jan develops her workshops based on the attendees needs and will be contacting those who have signed up to understand their professional development

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](#).

Workshop: Space Planning: Reinventing Your Library Space

The Public Library Association is partnering with Multnomah County Library to offer **Space Planning: Reinventing Your Library Space**. Whether you're interested in rearranging existing furniture to increase circulation, making it easier for patrons to find programs, renovating, or even designing a new library, *Space Planning* will give you the concrete set of tools you need. This interactive workshop uses learnings from retail stores to help librarians understand how to make libraries more accessible and easier to understand for patrons. Also covered is working with architects and interior designers, signage and wayfinding.

This in-person workshop will take place Friday, November 22 from 10:00 am–4:00 pm PT in Portland, Oregon. You can learn more or register for [here](#).

Webinar: Coaching in Early Childhood

This webinar will provide the background and rationale for using a coaching interaction style in early childhood programs to build the capacity of parents, teachers, and other care providers to promote child learning within the context of everyday routines and activities. In this powerful webinar, the presenters, Dathan Rush and M'Lisa Shelden, will share the evidence-based characteristics of coaching practices and discuss strategies that can be used by all early childhood educators from a variety of backgrounds.

This online webinar will take place

goals, struggles, and areas of growth. This ensures that at each location the training is geared toward what your staff need to become better and more effective. There is no charge for these workshops, but preregistration is required.

This free, in-person workshop will take place at two locations in Washington State. You can learn more or register for this workshop [here](#).

Wednesday, September 25 from 11:00 am–12:30 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [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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