



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 25, 2019

On this day: In 1958, Andorra and Germany sign a treaty ending WWI, as the Versailles Peace Treaty forgot to include Andorra.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Congratulations to the 2019 WLA Award Winners!

On behalf of the 2019 WLA Awards Committee, we're thrilled to award eleven Merit Awards to the below recipients for their commitment to Washington libraries.

- **Carlotta Walker** (Outstanding Performance Award)
- **Lynne King** (Lifetime Membership: Emeritus)
- **Rep. Steve Tharinger** (Lifetime Membership: Honorary)
- **Aileen Luppert** (Advances in Library Services)
- **Tanya Patton** (Trustee Award)
- **Kay O'Connell** (Friends/Foundation Award)
- **TuesD Chambers** (Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award)
- **Dr. Kristine Duffy** (Superintendent of the Year Award)
- **Heidi Bush** (CAYAS Visionary Service Award)
- **Lisa Vos** (WALE Outstanding Employee Award)

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 these award winners, plus incoming and outgoing WLA leadership and our **2019 Scholarship Winners!**

WLA Election Results

The polls have closed for the 2020 WLA Elections, and we have a fantastic group of incoming leaders! Thank you to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted.

Are you interested in getting involved in a WLA Division, Section, or committee in 2020? Email info@wla.org to find out how.

Let's give a warm WLA welcome to the newly elected 2020 leaders

below!

WLA Board

Vice President/President-Elect: Danielle H. Miller
Board Director, Public Library Division: Lisa Vos
Board Director, School Library Division: Rebecca Wynkoop
Student Representative to the Board: Kaitlyn Griffith

WLA Divisions

Academic Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Amy Thielen
Public Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Carol Ellison
Public Library Division Secretary/Communications: Elizabeth Koenig
School Library Division Chair: Hillary Marshall
School Library Division Secretary/Communications: Elizabeth Roberts
Special Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Laura Edmonston
Special Library Division Secretary/Communications: Carmen Tinker

WLA Sections

CATS Chair: Jocelyn Kehr
CATS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Julie Graham
CAYAS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Nic Figley
CAYAS Steering Committee Position #1: Jodeana Kruse
CAYAS Steering Committee Position #2: Sue Hart
CLAWS Chair: Greg Bem
CLAWS Secretary/Communications: Katie Hart
IFS Secretary/Communications: Karen Kline
LIFE Secretary/Communications: Katy McLaughlin
LISS Chair: Marissa Rydzewski
SAIL Chair: Beth Wood
SRRT Chair: Samantha Hines
SRRT Secretary/Communications: Alexa Andrews
WALE Secretary/Communications: JoLyn Reisdorf
WALT Chair: Tami Masenhimer
WLFFTA Chair: Marvin Waschke

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking an **Adult Services Librarian**. They are also seeking a **Teen Services Librarian**. The positions are open until October 3.

Tigard Public Library is seeking a **Youth Services Supervisor**. The position is open until September 29.

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

Burlington Public Library is seeking a

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

Reference Librarian. The position is open until October 16.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library has four positions open. You can read more about them [here](#).

the Washington State Library is seeking a **Library & Archival Professional 2** in Monroe, Washington. The position is open until filled.

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 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

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!

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well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

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!

Survey: Attitudes Towards Homelessness

Librarians and library paraprofessionals are asked to take a national online survey from ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table and Texas A&M University: **Attitudes towards homelessness and public library services among public and academic libraries**. The purpose of this multi-institution study is to gather information on how public and academic libraries are serving their library users who are experiencing homelessness, the challenges that libraries are encountering, and the kinds of information, resources and support they would like to have to facilitate this work.

As a participant, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire lasting approximately 15 minutes or less.

2019 Washington State Book Awards Celebration

The Washington State Book Awards honor works of outstanding literary merit by Washington authors. An award is given based on the strength of the publication's literary

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](#).

What Data Does your Community Need the Most?

As government publishes more of its data online, libraries can provide expert guidance about what information to prioritize. But what data does the community need most, and what are the challenges to getting that data published? Hear what public libraries in Washington State are doing to get community-centered data online, and learn about the latest research on local data needs. Presented by Bree Norlander, MLIS, project coordinator for the Open Data Literacy project at the University of Washington .

This one hour webinar will take place Tuesday, October 1 from 9:00 am–10:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for [here](#).

Virtual Career Fair

Connect with employers, explore career opportunities, engage directly with employers online via one-on-one chats, and make new connections to broaden your network directly from your home or office.

This online opportunity will take place

merit, lasting importance and overall quality to an author who was born in Washington state or is a current resident and has maintained residence here for at least three years. Celebrate all the finalists and find out who wins in each category at the **Washington State Book Awards Ceremony**, reception, and book signing on September 12 at 7:00pm at the Central Seattle Public Library in downtown Seattle.

Tuesday, October 15 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [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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