



WELCOME TO

WLA WEDNESDAY

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On this day: In 2001, Wikipedia is launched.

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MAKING HEADLINES

**WLA Academic Library Conference
Registration Now Open!**



Registration for our WLA Academic Library Conference is now open! 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.

The conference theme of "Deep Roots, New Growth" seeks to cultivate the fruit of academic library work while staying grounded in an ever-changing library environment. We find ourselves at a crossroads of new and emerging ways of accessing information in academic libraries and continuously challenging the library image on campus, while also staying connected to the bedrock principles

of libraries. How do we remain responsive to a changing student population, as well as increasing focus on diversity and inclusion? How can we grow with the culture of our campus patrons and rise to meet the future needs of teaching and learning?

2020 WLA Conference Request for Program Proposals

2020 VISION

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

WLA CONFERENCE
SPOKANE, WA

The **2020 WLA Conference Committee** invites you to submit a program proposal to the **2020 WLA Conference** in Spokane, Washington, October 7–10!

The conference theme is 2020 Vision: Looking to the Future. Libraries of all types are facing challenges as we head into the future. While we need to hold these challenges firmly in our field of focus, we simultaneously need to be scanning the horizon for new opportunities. There are oceans of possibilities surrounding inventive and important programs. New methods of reaching our constituents. Changes to our physical spaces. Changes in funding. Incorporating new technology. And so on. By reflecting on our collective past and remembering that libraries have always faced change head on, let's come together with 2020 vision to share our clearest and sharpest visions for the future!

The RFP is for preconferences (3, 4, or 8 hours) conference sessions (45 or 75 minutes) or lightning talks (10 minutes). This is a great chance to share your knowledge with other library workers in a full session or test out presenting in a short lightning talk. Proposals are due Wednesday, February 19. [Submit here!](#)

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Librarian - Teen Services**. The position is open until January 20.

Skagit Valley College is seeking a **Library & Archives Professional 3, Circulation**. The position is open until January 19.

Bellevue College is seeking a **Student Success Librarian**. The position is open until

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Thank You for Attending #WLAVirtual2020!

January 31.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Circulation Supervisor**. The position is open until January 24.

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

ALKI Now Accepting Proposals for March Issue 2020: Keeping Count



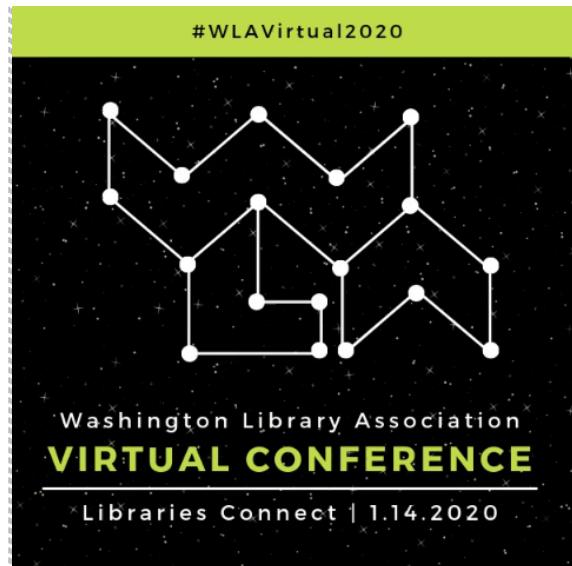
The Washington Library Association's Alki is seeking paper proposals for its March 2020 edition, with the broad theme of "Keeping Count". We are looking for proposals from all library types and from all library workers!

How is your library considering the 2020 U.S. census? Have you created courses to educate students to think critically about privacy? How are you dealing with budget shortfalls? What big (open?) data initiatives are you proud of? What are the benefits and/or pitfalls of our culture of assessment? How is your library dealing with its vendor relationships? This is an amazing opportunity to share stories and strategies with your colleagues.

Proposals will be accepted by Sunday, February 16. Find instructions on how to submit [here](#).

Welcome to our new 2020 Leadership!

WLA welcomes its incoming 2020 leadership, including its newly appointed Treasurer, Joy Neal; PNLA Representative, Jane Lopez-



Thank you to all who came out (or stayed in!) for the **WLA Virtual Conference** on Tuesday, January 14, for a day of online learning. We heard from WLA President Emily Keller and Task Force member Lucretia Robertson about EDI work in libraries and in WLA, and learned about turning garnering legislative support from library patrons from EveryLibrary's closing keynote "From Advocacy to Activism". We learned about Virtual Reality, @ProjectLITComm, the state of E-materials in today's libraries, and more.

Of all who attended, 35% indicated it was their first WLA conference, and many attendees were able to watch from rural or remote libraries. If you attended the conference, please consider completing our Conference Evaluation Survey, sent in an all-member email. As it was our first virtual conference, your opinions can greatly affect possible virtual events to come!

THE LEARNING CURVE

Webinar: Civil Legal Justice: The Crucial Role of Libraries

Join us to learn about the status of civil legal justice in our system and about the vital role you can play in connecting people with information and supporting them as they navigate the complexities of the legal system. Law librarian Catherine McGuire, who has conducted extensive trainings with public libraries, will share insights into interacting with patrons who approach the library with civil legal needs. With a basic understanding of the civil legal justice landscape, we hope you will be motivated to plunge deeper into helping close the justice gap.

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ALA Appoints Tracie D. Hall as Executive Director

The American Library Association has announced the appointment of Tracie D. Hall as its executive director, effective February 24, 2020. Following a nationwide search, Hall was selected to succeed Mary W. Ghikas. Hall is the first female African-American executive director in ALA's history.

Hall's extensive experience includes working at the Seattle Public Library and completing her MLIS at the University of Washington iSchool.

WLA Library Legislative Day 2020

Join us in Olympia on February 5 for the **WA Library Legislative Day**, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. Make sure your voice gets heard and your library community is represented. WA Library Legislative Day is free to attend. This year, WLA will be setting up meetings between attendees and legislators. **Online registration is now open!**

This free webinar will take place Tuesday, February 11 from 3:00–4:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

UW CIP Event: Who Can We Trust? Addressing Technology's Impact on Democracy

Technology has made communication easier than ever. As social networks, digital platforms, and emerging technologies keep us constantly connected, many have found that the volume of information has eroded our ability to trust. The University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public explores questions and solutions for building our trust in modern media. Participate in an active dialogue that covers ideas and solutions from the community, and hear from researchers on the cutting edge of information and communication. Gather for a conversation about ways to maintain a healthy democracy in the face of misinformation and "fake news" disrupting our systems and even our shared perception of reality.

This \$5 event will take place in Seattle on Thursday, January 23 from 7:30–9:00 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.