



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020

On this day: In 1928, Antione "Fats" Domino was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. One of the pioneers of the rock and roll genre ("Ain't That A Shame", "On Blueberry Hill"), his career spanned more than five decades and produced over 25 gold singles.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**WLA Academic Library Conference: Session Spotlight  
Imagined Realities: Virtual Reality & the Future of Libraries  
Opening Keynote with James Riggall**



**wla  
academic  
library  
conference**

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

It's less than one month until the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference!** WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for this all-day event held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Hear from James Riggall from Bellevue College in our Opening Keynote: Imagined Realities: Virtual Reality & the Future of Libraries. Virtual and augmented reality are evolving fast. What does that mean for the libraries of the future? Hear from technology educator James Riggall about his experience in starting the Extended Reality (XR) Lab in the Bellevue College Library and eLearning Center.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The North Olympic Library System is seeking an **IT Manager**. The position is open until March 9.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Branch Manager**. The position is open until March 10.

Leading Solutions LLC is seeking a **Scientific Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

St. Catherine of Sienna School is seeking a **Librarian & Technology Specialist- Part Time**. This position is open until filled.

Renton Technical College is seeking an **Adjunct Faculty Librarian- Half-time**. This position is open until February 29.

Bethel School District is seeking a **Teacher - Library Media Specialist**. The position is open until February 28.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Branch Manager III**. The position is open until March 9.

The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a **Branch Librarian Library & Archival Professional 2**. They are also seeking a **Library & Archival Professional 3**. This position is open until filled.

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

### nErDcamp Bellingham

It is a weekend of literacy in Bellingham! In addition to the sold-out WWU Children's Literature Conference, the sixth **nErDcamp Bellingham** takes place on Sunday, March 1. This grassroots, attendee-driven event brings together public and school librarians, preK-Higher Ed educators, literacy nonprofits, and published and aspiring authors and illustrators. Join them for a day full of learning, connecting, sharing, and fun. This

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Early Bird Registration for the Exchange ends March 1

With stimulating programming, including discussion forums and virtual poster sessions, **the Exchange** will engage a wide range of presenters and participants, facilitating enriching conversations and learning opportunities in a three-day, fully online, virtual forum on March 4, 6, and 8. Programming includes **keynote presentations** from Emily Drabinski and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, and **sessions** focusing on leadership and change management, continuity and sustainability, and collaborations and cooperative endeavors.

Interested in submitting a poster for the virtual poster session? The deadline for submitting virtual poster proposals is March 6. **Learn more and submit your proposal today.**

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Webinar: Library Safety & Security 2020: Keeping Your Staff, Patrons, & Facilities Safe

As libraries add new programs and services, some things stay the same: the need to keep library employees, patrons, and the buildings safe. Start 2020 with this tool-filled webinar with information and (often entertaining) stories from Dr. Steve Albrecht. This webinar will cover how to best protect staff from harassment, threats, or assaults; how to manage various challenging patron behaviors; and how to both assess and protect your library facilities from crimes or other situations that could shut down operations.

This 90-minute webinar will take place Thursday, February 20 from 1:00 pm–2:30 pm Pacific Time. You can learn more or register for this event **here**.

**Dewey Decibel:  
One-on-One with Tracie D. Hall**

free event includes registration, coffee and snacks, giveaways, and clock hours!

### **Free Comic Con Sessions at Seattle Public Library**

Emerald City Comic Con presents six free sessions at Seattle Public Library's Central Library on Thursday, March 12. Here's a chance to see Ngozi Ukazu, Kazu Kibuishi, Maia Kobabe, Yehudi Mercado and many other creators. The day is designed for librarians, educators, and comic fans. No registration needed. You can learn more about the event [here](#).

On February 24, Tracie D. Hall took the reins at the American Library Association as the new executive director. In this special bonus episode of the **Dewey Decibel podcast**, Hall sits down with *American Libraries* Editor and Publisher Sanhita SinhaRoy to discuss the changing face of the Association, the future of librarianship, library work with social justice issues, her favorite music, and more.

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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