



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

March 11, 2020

On this day: In 1952, Douglas Adams, author of *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, was born.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA 2020-21 Scholarship Applications Now Open

Applications are open for **WLA scholarships**, awarded by the **Professional Development Committee** to support the education and professional development of WLA members. Applications are due May 6, and winners will be announced June 3.

The available scholarships are:

- **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship:** \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*

WALE (Washington Library Employees) to Offer Scholarships for 2020-21

WALE, a section of WLA, is offering two scholarships for members of WALE:

- **WALE Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** up to \$1000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event.

WLA Members can join any section for free here. Applications are due May 6, and winners will be announced June 3.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Primary Source is seeking an **Administrative Assistant**. They are also seeking a **Bookkeeper**. The positions are open until filled.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian**. The position is open until March 20.

The San Juan Island Library District is seeking a **Fundraising Development Director**. The position is open until March 31.

Spokane Community College is seeking a **Collection Management Librarian**. The position is open until March 30.

The Everett Public Library System is seeking a **Library Technician**. The position is open until March 25.

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

Submit to *Alki* Milestones

Milestones focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide - recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to Johanna

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

WLA Academic Library Conference



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

It's one week 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.

Association for Rural & Small Libraries: Request for Program Proposals Now Open

ARSL is now accepting program proposals for the 2020 ARSL Conference, September 30-October 3, in Wichita, Kansas! The conference theme is "SOAR with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources."

Please submit your proposals for both pre-conferences and breakout sessions using the **online form**. Proposals are due by 10pm CST, Sunday, March 15, 2020. Submitters will be notified by May 1. Questions? Contact Holly Mercer, 2020 Program Chair, via email

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at alkieditor@wla.org.

Library Snapshot Day

Washington Library Snapshot Day

Join the Washington Library Association and the Washington State Library in celebrating **Library Snapshot Day, April 19-25**, a full week of advocacy for our libraries, archives, and special collections across the state!

Show us a “day in the life” at your library or repository! We want to see your programs, your collections, your people (with their permission, of course!), your catalogs, your shelves, your study spaces, your meetings... All library things!

COVID-19 Concerns Ripple through Washington Libraries

The month of March marks more facilities, events, and classes closing or moving to digital due to concerns about the spread of coronavirus in Washington state. More and more **events in the Seattle area** are cancelling for fear of the spread; **Emerald City Comic Con** is looking for new dates in the summer, Libraries across the state are canceling events and removing toys and Makerspaces from public areas. Read how libraries are facing the spread of sickness and misinformation in *American Libraries* and on npr.com.

PNLA LEADS Survey

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) LEADS committee is beginning to plan the next **institute** and would like your input on how to proceed with future LEADS sessions. Members of the Pacific Northwest Library Association are asked to complete **this survey** by April 1.

hmercerc@swkls.org or phone (620)225-1231.

Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) 2020 Conference: Out-Doing Outreach

Registration is now open for the **2020 ABOS Conference** in Dallas, Texas, October 14-16. Early Bird Registration is open until August 9.

ABOS is currently seeking **program proposals** for the 2020 ABOS Conference. The deadline for proposals is Friday, April 24 at 3pm Pacific time.

ABOS is proud to present **awards that recognize dedication and leadership** in the field of bookmobile and outreach services, including fifteen (15) \$500 travel scholarships with free conference registration. The organization has introduced three (3) new awards this year in honor of our 15th Anniversary. Nominations will open April 1.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Free Professional Development with Jennifer LaGarde

Jennifer LaGarde (**Library Girl**) will be presenting her professional development sessions **#SaidNoGREATLibrarianEver**: Reframing The Conversation Around Libraries by Reclaiming Your Why and Fact Vs. Fiction: The Increasingly Important Role of The Teacher Librarian In Teaching Critical Thinking Skills at Barnes & Noble in Vancouver, Washington. The PD is free and counts for 3 clock hours.

This one-day professional development session will take place Thursday, April 26 from 12:00pm–3:00pm PT. You can learn more or register for this event **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.