



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 1, 2020

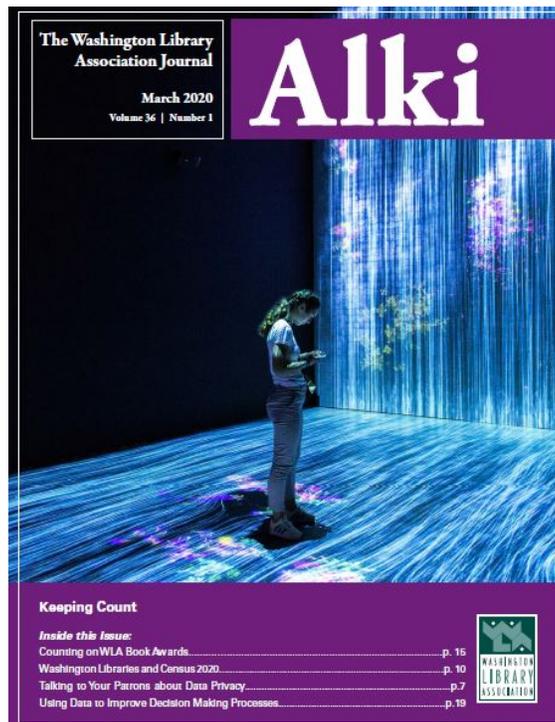
On this day: In 2001, the Netherlands becomes the first country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage (where it had previously been illegal).

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Spring Issue of *Alki*: Keeping Count



Our **latest edition of *Alki*** is published during an unprecedented times for libraries: the Covid-19 outbreak has made us rethink many things, from electronic resources and Open Access, to remote research help, programming via Zoom, and more. Please know that the WLA is here to support you. Make sure to check out the letter from our Executive Director, Brianna Hoffman. We hope you are well and are taking care of yourselves and our loved ones.

The edition, largely written before the Covid-19 outbreak, focuses on the broad theme of *Keeping Count*. As our library world continues to change rapidly, some of our efforts have remained the same. We strive to protect patron privacy; we assess our work by tracking circulation statistics; we maintain databases and examine our budgets. In this edition, you will see explorations of themes surrounding keeping track of information and data. Dig into an exploration of data privacy! Enjoy learning about the role of data-driven assessment! Delve into the work that libraries in Washington State are doing in preparation for the 2020 Census! Our usual wonderful columns and numerous other articles round out our March 2020 issue.

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### Resources for Libraries During COVID-19 Closures

WLA now has a page on [wla.org](http://wla.org) listing **personal and professional resources for library staff**. If you have any resources you'd like to share with the Washington library community, please email them to [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) with the title "COVID-19 Resources".

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### WLA Book Awards Updates: Voting Extended

Due to the closing of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic, all **WLA Book Awards** have shifted their timeline. Votes are due by Friday, June 5th.

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### Alki Journal Survey

The *Alki* Editorial Committee is seeking to understand its readers. Who we are reaching, what sort of libraries you work for and are interested in, and what kind of content you would like to see in future editions of *Alki*? Please take 5-7 minutes to respond to **this survey**.

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### #LibrarySnapshot

## Washington Library Snapshot Day

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

#LibrarySnapshot is a "day in the life" at your library or repository. A chance to show off your programs, collections, and spaces. This is also an opportunity to—with their permission—share your staff and patrons' stories. With many libraries across Washington closing their doors to deter the spread of COVID-19, Library Snapshot Day will be more important than ever to show off the work that library staff do out of the library.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

**Please note: while the WLA Office has tried to confirm the status of job postings, there may be hiring freezes in place. Please contact the institutions directly for the most up to date information.**

If your institution is hiring and has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

PeaceHealth is seeking a **Medical Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Seattle Opera is seeking a **Music Assistant & Company Librarian**. 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](#).

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### WLA Academic Library Conference: Recordings Available



### wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

Thank you to all who attended the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference!** WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) was pleased to host academic library professionals online for a day of learning.

Recordings of all sessions are now available for all attendees. Missed the conference? You

## NEWS & NOTES

### WLA Advocacy Corner

"Despite the plethora of ScLD members' phone calls, emails, and testimony before both the House and Senate Education Committees, and the ScLD members who advocated directly with their statewide legislators on WLA Legislative Day, our School Library bill (House Bill 2637/Senate Bill 6371) was snuffed out during this past Legislative session.

Our original appeal asked for 3 key points:

1. A position at OSPI to represent all WA K-12 librarians that would lead a statewide research study of Teacher Librarian statistical effectiveness to their school community.
2. Clarify written language of current law that school boards must have a school library program, rather than "as they deem necessary".
3. 1.0 FTE certified Teacher Librarian at every school in WA.

Throughout the legislative session, there were various amendments and deletions to this bill and we had strong backing with Representative Pettigrew. However, our bill smoldered out in the Senate. After this defeat, I was emotionally drained and needed time to breathe, reflect, and consider the next steps. Moving government policy into law takes concentrated, consistent work that represents all stakeholders involved. Librarians have an amazing opportunity to shine during this COVID-19 pandemic to be an online light for our patrons and our communities. We had a strong voice during this legislative session, but it was just the librarian's voices. Next legislative session, we need to bring our students, parents, administrators, and legislators who have a first-hand experience with the impact librarians have on their community. So, it's up to us to show them that impact regularly and my Advocacy Call to Action is:

April is **National School Library Month** in which **school librarians** are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school libraries play in transforming learning. Let's leverage our [@WLA\\_School](#)

can still register to get access to all recordings.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### 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.

### WLA Book Awards Updates: WCCPBA Nominees Announced

The WCCPBA Committee is pleased to announce next years **nominees**. Thank you to all who nominated titles for consideration for the list – there were many excellent titles to choose from. As of this time, publishers and distributors had access to all titles, but please understand that the COVID-19 situation may possibly impact availability.

(WLA ScLD twitter account), @wlasclD (WLA ScLD Facebook account) and @WALIBASSN (WLA twitter account) by sharing all of the ways you are connecting with your community and providing assistance in a time of great stress, worry, uncertainty, and misinformation. Also, mark your calendars for the week of April 19-25 and participate in **#LibrarySnapshot** which is a co-sponsored WLA/Washington State Library Snapshot Week of “happenings” (even if they are socially distanced). Now is the time to rally our troops (all stakeholders who use our libraries) and vividly show why school libraries matter!"

—Hillary Marshall, Chair of the School Library Division, Advocacy Committee Member

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.