



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 8, 2020

On this day: In 1924, eight U.S. Army Air Service pilots and mechanics in four airplanes left Seattle, Washington, to carry out the first circumnavigation of the globe by air.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Book Awards: 2020 Voting



Voting has opened for the 2020 book award voting cycle! Due to the closing of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic, all voting deadlines have been extended. Please cast your votes by June 5 for all awards.

The **OTTER Award** is an award for transitional readers in grades K-5. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#). Submit your **vote**.

The **Towner Award** is an informational texts award for grades 2-6. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#). Submit your **vote**.

The **Sasquatch Award**, a chapter book award for grades 4-6. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#). Submit your **vote**.

The **Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award** for grades K-3. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#). Schools and libraries submit votes [here](#). Public librarians, submit your votes [here](#).



Our **latest edition of *Alki***, 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.

***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**.

Resources for Libraries During COVID-19 Closures

WLA now has a page on 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 with the title "COVID-19 Resources".

Due to the rise in Zoom hijacks as increasing institutions move online, it is important to be prepared. Please see **this infographic** for tips about protecting your virtual meetings and what to do if a Zoom bomb happens to you.

#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 and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

The Office of Secretary of State (OSOS) is seeking a **Library & Archival Professional 2 (In-Training)- Acquisition Archivist**. The position open until filled.

The Office of Secretary of State (OSOS) is seeking a **Branch Librarian (Library & Archival Professional 2)**. The position is open until filled.

Shelton School District is seeking a **School Librarian**. The position open until filled.

Western Washington University is seeking a **Manager, Circulation & Reserves**. The position open until April 16.

The **Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA)** lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

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 can still **register to get access to all recordings**.

**#WLA2020: WLA Annual Conference in
Spokane, WA**

CLAWS Reveals New Logo



WLA's **CLAWS** (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section held a contest to design their new logo, and the winner is Corinna Whitehurst from Walla Walla Community College! The logo was revealed at the **2020 WLA Academic Conference** on March 20.

Washington Schools Remaining Closed

"Washington schools will remain closed through the end of the academic year, Gov. Jay Inslee announced at a Monday news conference. Distance learning is expected to continue, and schools are expected to resume on a normal schedule this fall." [Read more.](#)

CHIS Accelerated Learning Plan

Consumer Health Information Specialization, is a program by the Medical Library Association (MLA). Through April and May, earn a health specialization certificate in about a month through free, online, self-paced classes. [Read more.](#)

Citizen Science- National Network of Libraries of Medicine Reading Club

Libraries can serve as a hub for scientific exploration in their communities by involving patrons in citizen science projects. From collecting and sharing data, participants can develop a deeper understanding of the scientific process and health literacy through their active involvement. [Read more.](#)



Save the date for the **WLA 2020 Annual Conference** in Spokane, WA, October 7-10!

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!

NEWS & NOTES

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.

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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