



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 15, 2020

On this day: In 1963, Sidney Poitier became the first African American to win the Academy Award for best actor for his performance in *Lilies of the Field*.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Scholarships Deadline Extended

Due to limitations caused by the COVID-19 crisis, the deadline for **Scholarship Applications** has been extended.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020: Applications Close

Wednesday, August 5, 2020: Winners announced

"There will be flexibility with the scholarship requirements related to limitations caused by the COVID-19 crisis. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Professional Development Committee Chair **Joanna Freeman** with specific questions regarding requirements."

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](#).

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**.

#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.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**WLA Academic Library
Conference: Recordings Available**

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Library and Archival Professional 2 (In-Training)- Acquisition Archivist**. The position is open until filled.

Everett Community College is seeking a **Public Services Librarian - Associate Faculty (pool posting)**. The position is open until filled.

The Bethel School District is seeking a **Teacher-Librarian**. The position is open until April 16.

Bellevue College is seeking a **Student Success Librarian, Assistant (Tenure-Track)**. 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](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

Virtual Story Time

Seattle Public Library is hosting half-hour story times for youths and families on Facebook Live. Join SPL from 4:30pm-5:00pm on the following dates: April 15-16, April 20-23 & April 27-30. Learn more [here](#).

Wordplay is Going Virtual

Due to COVID-19, The Loft has moved the Wordplay book festival online. The event will run from now through the week of May 4th. Programming will include livestreams, user-content, contests, videos, podcasts, partnerships with other artists and book festivals, digital storytelling, social media takeovers, and more! Though this event will be free, The Loft hopes you will consider donations that will go toward efforts to continue creating community programming. Learn more about this event [here](#).

CLAWS Reveals New Logo



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



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



College Libraries Across Washington State

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.

2020 vision to share our clearest and sharpest visions for the future!

NEWS & NOTES

WLA Roundtables

While social distancing means we cannot be in the same room, that does not keep us from connecting. Members of WLA sections, divisions, and committees have the opportunity to come together via Zoom and discuss how they are navigating this new reality as well as share tips and tricks. For more information, please email the office at info@wla.org.

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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