



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

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On this day: In 1976, Barbara Walters becomes first female nightly network news anchor (Today Show)

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**National Library Week is Here!**

## Washington Library Snapshot Day

It's National Library Week and we're kicking off with Library Snapshots! 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.

Upcoming library week events:

**Wednesday, April 22: National Bookmobile Day**, a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

**Thursday, April 23: Take Action for Libraries Day**, a day to rally advocates to support libraries. The American Library Association is calling on all library lovers and advocates to make at least five calls to their legislators to ask for full support of IMLS funding.

Learn more [here](#).

## WLA Virtual Open House Hosted by WLA President Emily Keller & WLA Vice President Danielle Miller

The Washington Library Association is here to support libraries through the pandemic. Join us on Monday, April 27, 11am-12pm PST for a virtual open house to discuss current issues that are top of mind for library workers. This will be an open, facilitated discussion of the concerns that you and your libraries are dealing with.

- What equity issues are showing up in the loss of services and shift to remote delivery?
- How are libraries planning for an eventual return to work?
- How are you considering phasing in public services?
- How can we support each other during this unprecedented time?

Members and non-members are welcome, free of charge. Please register for the Open House [HERE](#). Registration is quick and easy. Once registered, you will receive access to the Zoom room link.

We hope to see you there.

Emily Keller, WLA President  
Danielle Miller, WLA Vice-President

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### Resources for Libraries during COVID-19 Closures

The Washington State Library and the American Library Association are hard at work compiling robust resource pages to support the continuing evolution of the work libraries and library works are called upon to do during this time.

For Washington State Library resources click [here](#)  
For American Library Association resources click [here](#).

### 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.

The Oregon State Library is seeking a **Digital Projects Consultant**. The position is open until May 6.

Meridian Library District is seeking a **Business Liaison Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**#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

Meridian Library District is seeking a **Branch Manager**. 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

### Coming Soon: Virtual Storytime Services Resource Guide

Libraries are innovating to expand their digital collections and offer virtual programming to serve the needs of their communities. The American Library Association in collaboration with Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL), the Association for Library Service to Children, and many other professionals in the field will be offering this living guide as a resource to those seeking to host storytime services from afar. Learn more [here](#).

### St. John's University COVID-19 Survey

St. John's University is seeking your unique and informed perspective that will help to improve understanding of the roles that information and communication play during a crisis, as well as identifying strategies for managing information and media consumption. Learn more [here](#).

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 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](mailto: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.