



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 29, 2020

On this day: In 1983, Harold Washington is sworn in as Chicago's first black mayor.

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MAKING HEADLINES



The Washington Library Association's *Alki* is seeking articles for its Summer 2020 issue with the broad theme of "**Resilience and Resolve**". We want to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students!

Alki wants to showcase your library's resilience and resolve, while also acknowledging the challenges and upheaval that come at us, particularly during crises. How prepared are we for crises? How sustainable, scalable, and adaptable are our services, from instruction to circulation, from programming to collection development? How are our stakeholders coping with services that have moved online, including ebook use or library instruction and programming? How is your library dealing with its vendor relationships? How are we protecting and uplifting our vulnerable workers? How do we battle against vocational awe while fostering and supporting our communities?

This is an amazing opportunity to share stories and strategies with your colleagues.

Please send your article to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and contact information
- A brief, third-person bio that includes your affiliation and job title, if applicable
- Any graphics (logos, photos, charts, etc.) in .jpg or .png format

- A working title
- Word count
- The article as a word document or google document. **Please follow this template.**

The deadline to submit articles for the Spring issue is June 1st, 2020. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for more details. Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We always consider articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

WLA Open House

On Monday, April 27, The Washington Library Association hosted an Open House discussion with President Emily Keller and Vice President Danielle Miller. The event was well attended with 150 members tuning in to ask questions, share resources, and offer their expertise. This event was recorded and is available for viewing [here](#). It will also be accessible via WLA's **COVID-19 Resources** page.

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

Whitman County Rural Library District is seeking an **Executive Director**. The position is open until May 30.

Highline College is seeking a **Hourly Library Technician II**. The position is open until filled.

Renton Technical College is seeking an **Associate Dean of the Library**. 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 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.

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

Books, Brews, and Qs!

Join CAYAS and iYouth for a happy hour of digital book-related pub trivia. Bring a beverage and your brain! We'll provide the questions and a space for library staff and students to mix, mingle, and answer questions together. It is not required for you to be interested in youth librarianship to attend, but come prepared for a children's and young adult lit themed quiz!

Mark your calendars:

Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00-7:00 PM
RSVP [here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Novel Ideas: Weekly Book Discussions

The Holocaust Center for Humanity is offering ongoing book discussions. Please join them every Wednesday, starting **April 29**, for a lively and interactive book discussion of select popular Holocaust texts. Their first book is **MAUS**. Open to teachers, students, parents and anyone else. These informal chats are intended to examine enduring text-based questions and themes, teaching approaches and strategies, and anything else you wish to share and discuss regarding the text of the week.

MAUS, by Art Spiegelman | Wednesday, April 29 | 1pm-2pm PST | [REGISTER TO JOIN DISCUSSION](#)

NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel | Wednesday, May 6 | 1pm-2pm PST

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - Graphic Adaptation, Diary, or Play | Wednesday, May 13 | 1pm-2pm PST

Learn more [here](#).

Lunch and Learn: Weekly Speaker Series

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

2021 Otter Award Nominees



The Otter Award- Our Time To Enjoy Reading- is sponsored by the WLA: School Libraries Division, established in 2015. The Committee is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 nominated titles:

- **Sparks!** by Ian Boothby, illustrated Nina Matsumoto (Graphix by Scholastic)
- **Didi Dodo, Future Spy: Recipe for Disaster (Didi Dodo, Future Spy #1)** by Tom Angleberger, illustrated by Jared Chapman (Amulet Books)
- **Truman the Dog (My Furry Foster Family, book #1)** by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Melanie Demmer (Capstone Publishers)
- **Stealing the Sword! (Time Jumpers, book #1)** by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (Scholastic Branches)
- **Isle of Misfits 1: First Class** by Jamie Mae, illustrated by Freya Hartas (Simon & Schuster)
- **Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!** by Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez (Simon & Schuster)

Challenged Books

The American Library Association condemns censorship and works to ensure free access to information. Every year, the Office for

Please join The Holocaust Center for Humanity **every Tuesday** to hear a speaker from their speakers bureau including children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors sharing their family stories. Appropriate for ages 12-100. No pre-registration needed. Learn more [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.

Intellectual Freedom (OIF) compiles a list of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books in order to inform the public about censorship in libraries and schools. The lists are based on information from **media stories** and **voluntary reports** sent to OIF from communities across the U.S.

The Top 10 lists are only a snapshot of book challenges. Surveys indicate that 82-97% of book challenges – documented requests to remove materials from schools or libraries – remain unreported and receive no media.

See the list of top 10 most challenged books of 2019 [here](#).

To report censorship, learn more [here](#).

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