



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 13, 2020

On this day: in 1846, the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly votes in favor of President James K. Polk's request to declare war on Mexico in a dispute over Texas.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Together Again: WLA to Offer Grants for Conference Attendance

Libraries are facing difficult budget cuts, and we know that this will leave many with financial barriers to professional development. To support our library community, WLA will offer attendance grants for the **2020 WLA Conference** to our members who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

Grants may cover conference registration, travel, and/or lodging, depending on the financial needs of the applicant. WLA members who demonstrate a financial need resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible. Grant funds must be used to attend the 2020 WLA Conference, October 7–10 at the Spokane Convention Center.

Learn more and apply [here](#) by Wednesday, July 8. Recipients will be announced Wednesday, August 5.

Now more than ever, we know our library community needs opportunities to learn, build connections, and tackle the new challenges we're facing. With the help of our vendors, partner organizations, and members, we hope we can see much of our WLA community together again in Spokane!

WLA 2020 Member Needs Assessment

The WLA Member Services Committee would like to invite you to take the **WLA 2020 Member Needs Assessment**. This is a great opportunity for the association to understand WLA's membership and for members and non-members alike to take part in shaping the future of WLA. The deadline is **June 10**.

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 Department of Children, Youth, and Families is seeking a pool of **temporary, on-call full-time staff** to work at various youth Behavior Rehabilitation Services facilities on a per-shift basis. For more information, contact their **COVID-19 response team**.

Linfield College is seeking a **Visiting User Experience & Online Learning Librarian**. The position closes May 25.

Linfield College is seeking a **Visiting Information Literacy Librarian**. The position closes May 25.

North Central Regional Library District is seeking a **Finance Director**. 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

Big Read 2020 - When the Emperor was Divine by Julie Otsuka: Home

Highline College will be virtually welcoming Julie Otsuka, the award-winning author of *When the Emperor was Divine*, our selection for the 2020 NEA Big Read at Highline College, on Tuesday, May 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm (PST). After an author reading from *When the Emperor was Divine*, Otsuka will be answering audience questions. This event is free and open to the public. To receive the Zoom link, register [here](#).

Survey Regarding Librarians, Library Anxiety, and Imposter Syndrome

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. 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!

The WLA Board and office are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on future events. At this time, we are planning to hold an in-person conference this fall in Spokane. We will follow the recommendations from government and health officials, and we are prepared to pivot to an online event if necessary. While some libraries may experience budget cuts as a result of the current crisis, we also know how much our library community will need this opportunity to network, learn, and problem solve together. We hope to see you in Spokane!

NEWS & NOTES

The logo for Alki features the word 'Alki' in a large, white, serif font, set against a solid orange rectangular background.

The Washington Library Association's *Alki* is seeking articles for its Summer 2020 issue with the broad theme of **"Resilience and**

This survey will support a peer-reviewed article to be published in a library science journal. Participation in this survey is completely voluntary, no question is mandatory, and you may exit the survey at any time. No personally identifiable information is requested or desired. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Take the survey [here](#).

Novel Ideas: Weekly Book Discussions

The Holocaust Center for Humanity is offering ongoing book discussions. 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.

NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel | Wednesday, May 13 | 1pm-2pm PST

MY SOUL IS FILLED WITH JOY, by Karen Treiger | Wednesday, May 27 | 1pm-2pm PST

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - Graphic Adaptation, Diary, or Play | Wednesday, May June 10 | 1pm-2pm PST

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.

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? 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.