



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 27, 2020

On this day: in 1679, Habeas Corpus Act (strengthening person's right to challenge unlawful arrest & imprisonment) passes in England

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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?

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

Please send your article to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 filled.

North Valley Public Library is seeking a **Branch Librarian**. The position is open until June 6.

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a **Library Finance Manager**. The position is open until May 29.

North Valley Public Library is seeking a **Library 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

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**#WLA2020: Programs are Live!**



Session descriptions and schedule of events for **WLA 2020 Annual Conference** are live!

The conference planning committee selected programs intended to be of interest and value to a diverse range of professionals working in or with academic, public, school, and special libraries. It is our hope that all presentations will be audience-focused, that attendees will leave each program feeling they have learned something new, and that it was an enjoyable, interactive experience.

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

## Webinar: Libraries Prepare to Answer Civil Legal Questions in Times of Crisis

With the economy staggering, unemployment soaring to unprecedented heights, and families reeling from weeks of confinement and uncertainty, people are turning to their libraries for help. Many of the issues people are struggling with involve civil legal information, questions related to unemployment, issues on the rise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join Jenny Silbiger, State Law Librarian, Access to Justice Coordinator, Hawaii Supreme Court Law Library; and Joseph Lawson, Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library (TX) for this free webinar which will overview common civil legal issues that arise in times of crisis and provide guidance for how libraries to respond to patron questions.

This webinar will take place on June 11 from 12pm-1pm PT. Register for this webinar [here](#).

### Alki Library Reflections

COVID-19 has altered everyone's daily sense of being and working. The **Alki Editorial Committee** would like to document the experiences of library workers and students in WA State during COVID-19. We are collecting any and all experiences, through word or photograph, that reflect on your (remote) library work during COVID-19. These can be a set of feelings, sharing how you've pivoted your programming, reflecting on hopes for the future of libraries, etc.

By submitting your entries, you are agreeing that your submission(s) may be picked for publication in the Summer 2020 Issue of Alki. Submit your experiences [here](#).

### Library and Archives Canada Newsletter

*Governance and Recordkeeping Around The World* is a free, online newsletter that highlights issues pertaining to public administration and recordkeeping practices in the public and private sector.

It will help readers stay up-to-date with:

- latest news
- events
- trends and tools
- studies and surveys

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

### 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!

### The Pacific Northwest Library Association Virtual Poster Session

The Pacific Northwest Library Association invites proposals for its free Virtual Poster Session, to be held **August 4-7, 2020**. Proposals are due **June 12, 2020**.

PNLA is accepting proposals from all types of libraries in the Pacific Northwest that discuss the ways that you and your institutions are responding to challenges caused by COVID-19, but are particularly interested in proposals that address the following:

- How is your library demonstrating compassion and empathy from a

- products and publications

The newsletter is published three times a year. Read the latest issue [here](#).

### **Stay Well, Stay Inspired**

Library workers everywhere continue to serve their communities in countless innovative ways. Take some time out for yourself with this free PDF of relaxing activities. Featuring excerpts from Check This Out! A Coloring Book for Library Lovers, This Journal is Overdue, The Librarian's Book of Quotes, and Future-Proof Your Team, the creative writing prompts, coloring book pages, and uplifting quotes inside will help you unwind and de-stress. Download [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.

distance?

- How is your library recreating a sense of community through virtual channels or services that support distancing?
- What types of outreach to youth are you engaging in to maintain literacy levels (virtual storytime, book delivery, etc.)?
- What leadership skills have you drawn on to create or continue projects and services during this time, and what leadership skills are you currently developing (and how)?

This online event will be free to all participants and attendees, and presentations will be given asynchronously.

Presenter names will be entered into a drawing to receive a free one-year PNLA membership. Up to 5 names will be drawn. Learn more [here](#).

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