



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 8, 2020

On this day: in 1816, Waltham, Massachusetts experienced frost in the "Year without a Summer".

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### **WLA Merit Awards Now Accepting Nominations!**

Do you know any amazing library professionals, advocates, students, or groups that deserve to be recognized for their support of or contributions to libraries in Washington? Of course you do!

Nominate a colleague today. Nominators may nominate more than one person for any given award, or one person for multiple awards. A separate nomination form is required for each nomination. Nominations are due September 2. Learn more about each award [here](#). Submit your nomination [here](#).

### **2021 WLA Election Nominations are Live!**

Are you looking for leadership experience to help with your career? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? Want to give back to Washington's library communities? WLA wants you!

**Election nominations** are open for all vacant 2020 WLA leadership positions. If you have questions about any position, you may contact the WLA Office, or go to the current Board, Division, or Section roster to find contact information for the person that currently fills the position, or to whom the position reports. Please note that WLA Committee Chairs are appointed by the Board President and do not need to go through this election process.

### **2020 Elections Timeline**

June 17 – nominations open (may nominate self or others)  
Aug 19 – nominations deadline  
Aug 26-Sept 23 – online elections are open to all WLA members  
Sept 24 – winners notified

Sept 30 – winners announced in WLA Wednesday newsletter  
Jan 1 – new leadership terms begin

### WLA Statement on Anti-Racism

The Washington Library Association decries the brutality Black communities experience from those charged to protect and serve. Libraries are providers of vital resources for historically underserved communities, and this work has never been more important than it is now. We are responsible for continuing to do this difficult, sometimes painful work that demands we address our biases and how they impact our ability to serve our communities equitably. We urge library professionals across Washington to fight for Black lives, actively oppose systemic oppression and police brutality, and prioritize anti-racism in all that we do. The WLA Board is committed to doing this anti-racist work within our association. To be silent is to be complicit.

The Urban Libraries Council has also released a poignant statement on race and social equity, which serves as a baseline for libraries to build policies and actions designed to make their communities more inclusive and just. The statement has been signed by 163 public libraries across North America. Learn more [here](#).

### Additional Resources

#### LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The University of Washington Tacoma is seeking an **Associate Librarian**. The position is open until October 2.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Learning Coordinator**. The position is open until July 10. They are also seeking several **Public Services Assistants**.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Branch Operations Director**, a **Deputy Director**, and a **Finance Director**. The positions are open until filled.

The Bellingham Public Library is seeking a Head of **Community Relations**. The position is open until July 24.

If your institution 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 Pacific Northwest Library Association** (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

#### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

##### #WLA2020 Goes Virtual



The Conference Committee has made the difficult decision to hold the **2020 WLA Conference** online. While we were looking forward to coming together in Spokane this October, the health and safety of our communities and the accessibility of the conference are our top priorities.

The conference theme is 2020 Vision: Looking to the Future. Now more than ever, we know our library community needs opportunities to learn, build connections, and tackle the new challenges we're facing. By reflecting on our collective past and

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Book Bingo For Grown Ups

Looking for a way to connect your adult patrons with the joy of a summer reading program? The Washington Center for the Book has Book Bingo cards you can customize for your library, to either download/print or to share on social media. Available in English and in Spanish. Learn more [here](#).

### 2020 ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program

Join the 2019-2020 ALSC President, members and guests in the 2020 ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program as we explore the ways stories help young people preserve and learn from the past. Through storytelling, we share our traditions, folkways, language, hopes and fears for the future. Join Cece Bell, Erin Entrada Kelly, Oge Mora, and moderator Janet Wong, who will explore how stories help children prepare, celebrate and connect with our diverse world.

This one hour webinar will take place Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 8:00 AM PT. Learn more and register [here](#).

### ALA Holding Space: A National Conversation Series

The American Library Association's **nationwide virtual tour** highlights the innovation and impact of a diverse range of libraries and engages stakeholders to advocate for libraries and the communities they serve.

A part of ALA President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.'s broader work to build relationships and strengthen connections, Holding Space will feature town halls, round table discussions and interviews with library leaders, state and local partners, and elected officials covering topics ranging from HBCUs and academic libraries, to school, tribal, and public libraries—all while amplifying the concerns of each community along the route.

remembering that libraries have always faced change head on, let's come together to share our clearest visions for the future! Find more details [here](#).

## NEWS & NOTES

### Last Chance to Apply for 2020 WLA Scholarships

WLA scholarships are memorial scholarships, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person's service to libraries. Scholarship applications are due June 8. We will be highlighting each of these scholarships in the coming weeks. Learn more about all scholarships [here](#).

This week we'd like to spotlight the **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship** which pledges \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.

### Misinformation Webinar for K-12 Educators

Join us for a free, special webinar on misinformation and disinformation that's designed to connect school librarians with the educational resources, tools and professional insights they need to better understand where it comes from, how it's shared and what they can do educate students and other library users to be better information consumers. This webinar builds off of MisinfoDay, an annual event focused on engaging high school students and educators around combating misinformation.

This one-hour webinar, co-presented by the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public (CIP), Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, and Washington State University Vancouver, will be held Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 10:00am PT. Learn more and register [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.