



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 26, 2020

On this day: In 1968, The Beatles single "Hey Jude" was released. The mega-hit would go on to become Billboard Song of the Year in 1968 and was named Billboard's 10th Biggest Song of All time in 2013.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA ELECTIONS ARE OPEN!

Current WLA members, please take a moment to vote for our 2021 Board, Division, and Section leadership! Voting is open August 26–September 23, 2020.

Step 1: Read through the **candidate statements**.
Step 2: Vote using our **online ballot**.

To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

Winners will be announced September 30 in the WLA Wednesday newsletter, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the Awards Lunch on October 8 during the virtual 2020 WLA Conference. The new elected terms will begin January 1, 2021.

If you have questions or trouble logging in, please contact the **WLA office**.

#WLA2020 Preconference Webinar Series

During the month of September, we're offering a series of **Preconference Webinars** as we ramp up to #WLA2020:

- Redefining Our Role: A Case for Social Services in the Library
- It's 2020. Do You Know Where Your Data Is?
- Transforming Teen Services with Connected Learning

- Evolving Your Libraries' Service for Job Seekers & Small Business
- Creating Clear & Proactive Harassment Training for Your Library

Registration is separate from conference registration. You can register for individual webinars separately or purchase access to the entire series. Two webinars are grant-funded and free to attend.

North Central Regional Library is now NCW Libraries!



This name change is an important part of their ongoing efforts to best serve the communities of North Central Washington. They believe the new name more accurately reflects the geographic area they serve and conveys that they operate many libraries throughout that region.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a **State Librarian**.

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

Telecommute Opportunity: Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting (hslc.org) currently seeking a **Digitization Specialist**.

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

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit,

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE



#WLA2020 HIGHLIGHT

WLA After Dark

www.wla.org/2020-wla-conference

please email 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](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

Washington State Broadband Access and Speed Survey

The Washington State Broadband Office mapping initiative will help identify gaps in high-speed internet service and areas of broadband infrastructure needs in order to advance the state's goal to have universal broadband access in Washington by 2024.

Take the **One-Minute Access and Speed Survey** today!

Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference

Registration is now open for the **19th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference (NWILL)**! This year's conference will be virtual and takes place September 9-11, 2020. The Keynote speaker is Scott Brown, Senior Cybrarian at Oracle Inc.

Invitation to Participate in a Research Survey: True Value - Making Librarian Labor Visible

PhD Students at Syracuse University are interested in learning more about the invisible labor and traditionally unrecognized work of librarians so that it can be included in discussions of library value. If you were working at a library in any paid position in 2019 (staff, paraprofessional, or professional), we would love to hear about your experience with invisible labor.

Participants are asked to complete an **online questionnaire**. This survey is voluntary and will take about 20 minutes. The protocol has been fully approved by Syracuse University IRB. We encourage you to participate by September 15, 2020.

Call for Proposals: Black Women Librarians

Introducing WLA After Dark, evening virtual breakout sessions at **#WLA2020** that are more irreverent, fun, or provocative than our standard conference fare. All sessions are BYOB, obviously.

Registration is open now! Be sure to check out our organizational rates.

Conference Attendance Scholarships

The **#WLA2020** Conference Committee is excited to announce that there are a limited number of Conference Attendance Scholarships available for the upcoming virtual conference to attendees who have been financially impacted by COVID19.

To apply, please complete this **application form** by September 2. Recipients will be notified by September 9.

Please check with your employer to find out if they are planning on taking advantage of the special organizational registration rates that will provide access to all employees in their organization.

NEWS & NOTES



LISS Virtual Social Event

Join LISS for a virtual escape room and Bingo game!

Thursday, August 27th at 5:30 pm PST

Grab your favorite beverage and join us!

Get your bingo card here! (one card per person)

Image from Unsplash

For the zoom link, go to the LISS Meetings & Events page.

The Library and Information Student Section (LISS) leadership team will be hosting a virtual social event this Thursday, August 27th from 5:30-6:30 pm PST. Join us in a collaborative virtual escape room and a bingo game! Winner of the bingo game will receive an e-gift card to a local bookstore! Come and meet the LISS leadership team and other LISS members! All WLA members are welcome to attend!

Have questions about being a library student or want to learn how to become more involved in WLA/LISS? Come to the social event! The LISS leadership team will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have!

In Spring 2022, the Library History Round Table will devote volume 6, number 1 of *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*, and significant space in *LHRT News and Notes*, to scholarship, book reviews, and blog posts on Black women librarians. This issue will be guest-edited by Dr. Nicole A. Cooke, the Augusta Baker Endowed Chair and Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina. A peer-reviewed publication of the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association and the Penn State University Press, *LCHS* is available in print and online via JSTOR.

Dr. Cooke will accept proposals for scholarly articles and select 4-6 research studies for publication in *LCHS*. She will collaborate with additional authors and with Brett Spencer, *LCHS* book editor, and *LHRT* blog editor, to publish additional material in *News and Notes*. We are particularly interested in material on Black women librarians who have not yet been covered adequately by the scholarly or professional literature (please see the linked list). Proposals concerning other pathbreaking librarians are also welcomed. Thus, there will be various opportunities for all types of writers within the library history community to contribute toward raising awareness about the experiences of Black women within our field.

To submit a proposal, please contact Dr. Cooke via [this signup form](#) by November 16, 2020. Full CFP can be found [here](#).

July Alki: Resilience & Resolve

The **July 2020 issue of *Alki*** is now available. We called for an issue on Resilience & Resolve, and the deadline for submissions came at the end of May. Before the senseless deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and Manuel Ellis, and too many others. The context of Black Lives Matter *matters*, and there will be future issues and ongoing conversations devoted to accountability and anti-racist actions in our libraries.

The articles you find here are primarily about COVID-19, and they center your experiences of resilience, resolve, but also struggle. Importantly, we are introducing a new anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion column, to keep these core values front and center in *Alki*. In creating a new column, we do not intend to limit the conversation to this space alone.

Please visit the LISS page for [our membership](#), [contact information](#), and for the zoom link to the social event on our [Meetings & Events](#) page. The Bingo link is available [here](#). We hope to see you there!

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](#).

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 under-served 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

We examine the raw responses to lockdown and quarantine, examine disaster planning, look at health and equity, and how libraries might re-envision themselves. There is poetry, and there is emotion. The Alki Editor chose to let feelings speak for themselves, and too a very light hand to editing this issue.

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

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.

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