



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 2, 2020

On this day: Octavian (later Augustus Caesar) won a decisive victory over Mark Antony in the Battle of Actium.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### **#WLA2020 Preconference Webinar Series Begins!**

**Preconference Webinars** are now underway as we ramp up to #WLA2020.

First in the series today, September 2 from 10:00–11:30 am: **Redefining Our Role: A Case for Social Services in the Library.** Join Melissa Glenn and Melissa Munn with King County Library System to understand ways in which KCLS has responded to requests related to basic needs and social services by adding a health and social services provider to the staff team. Learn about innovative ways this position is supporting colleagues and community – and expanding the scope of the public library.

Next week, September 9 from 10:00–11:30 am: **It's 2020: Do You Know Where Your Data Is?** In this free webinar, Kathleen Sullivan and Tami Masenhimer with the Washington State Library will "train the trainer," showing participants how to audit their data, read and review terms, control settings, and participate in the growing public discussion about data rights and responsibilities in order to educate patrons back home.

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.

Upcoming Webinars:

- 9/16: Transforming Teen Services with Connected Learning
- 9/21: Evolving Your Libraries' Service for Job Seekers & Small Business
- 9/23: Creating Clear & Proactive Harassment Training for Your Library

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**Welcome ACRL-WA members!**

The Academic Library Division has officially merged with the Washington chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries! Our academic library division will henceforth be recognized as **ALD/ACRL-WA**. Check the WLA website for ACRL-WA archives, and help us welcome ACRL-WA members into the fold!

Want to join this division by adding it to an existing membership? **Join here!**



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### **Cast your vote in the WLA Elections!**

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**.

### **LOOK WHO'S HIRING**

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

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Director of the University of Washington-Tacoma Library and Associate Dean of University Libraries**. The position is open until October 2.

### **CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE**

**Deadline Approaching to Register at the #WLA2020 Organizational Rate**

Planning to take advantage of the organizational rates for the 2020 WLA Conference? Make sure to submit your registration by Monday, September 14.

An all-access pass allowed by the organization rate will allow your staff from all

The Pend Oreille County Library District is seeking a **Youth Programs Specialist**.

Lake Washington School District is seeking a **Library Media Specialist**.

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](#).

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Call for WLA 2020 Conference Academic Posters!

Do you have a tool, project, or idea that aligns with this year's conference theme, 2020 Vision: Looking to the Future, that you'd like to share with your fellow professionals? The WLA Conference Committee invites you to submit a proposal to our **Academic Poster Session**, which will take place during the annual WLA Conference, October 5-10, 2020. Proposals are due September 16, 2020.

For more information on poster sessions, guidelines, and submitting a proposal, get started [here!](#)

### Take the WiFi Hotspot Survey

Does your library need more mobile hotspots to lend to patrons? With remote work and study raising the need for internet connectivity, the Washington Department of Enterprise Services is considering brokering wireless mobile hotspot devices and subscription services.

DES is asking interested **public institutions to fill out this survey by Sept. 4**. Institutions may include K-12 schools, higher education, library districts and tribal agencies.

### Share Your Library Stories!

The WLA Advocacy Committee is collecting library stories, and we want to hear from you!

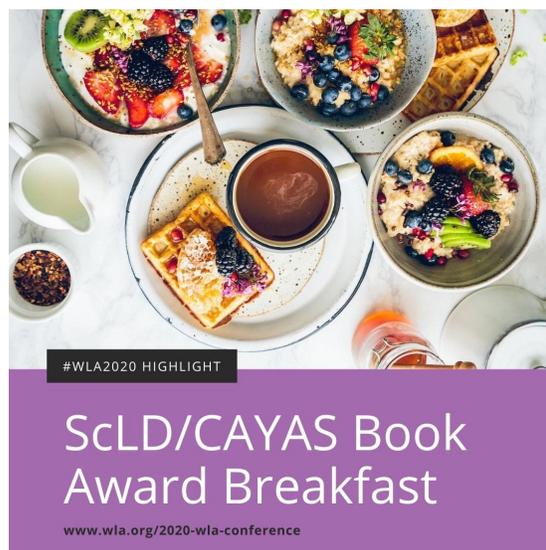
Storytelling is a powerful tool that can connect

levels, roles, and career stages to attend for a flat fee.

Follow these steps to register at an organizational rate:

1. Determine your rate [here](#).
2. **Purchase your pass** to receive your Organizational Rate discount code.
3. Register your group. Your employees can either register themselves as individuals with the discount code, or you can submit an Excel spreadsheet with attendee information

Email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) for additional assistance!



Join WLA's School Library Division and the Children and Young Adult Services Section (CAYAS) for a Book Award Breakfast on Saturday, October 10, 2020 during **#WLA2020!**

BYOB – Bring Your Own *Breakfast*, that is – and come celebrate our 2020 WLA Book Award Winners. WLA Book Award Winning Authors will join us to accept their awards and do a Q&A with attendees.

This event is free to conference registrants!

### Last Day to apply for 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.

us, inspire us, and lead us to new opportunities. These stories are helpful when advocating the power of libraries and their efforts to others, such as legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees.

WLA wants to hear your library story so that we can be better advocates for our communities. What does your library do for you? Share your story [here](#).

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### 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!

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### 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.

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### Call for Proposals: Black Women Librarians

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

To apply, please complete and submit this [application form](#) today, September 2. Recipients will be notified by September 9.

## NEWS & NOTES



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### 2020 Washington State Book Award Finalists Announced!

The Washington Center for the Book has selected **39 finalists** in eight categories for the 2020 Washington State Book Awards (WSBA) for outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2019.

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### NCOA Working with Libraries to Distribute Aging Mastery Program

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is expanding the Aging Mastery Program (a holistic health promotion program) within Washington State and welcomes the participation of your library/library system.

Washington State was awarded a three-year Aging Mastery Program grant with the goal of offering the AMP program to seniors in rural Washington State with a population of 50k or under.

In response to COVID-19, NCOA is now offering free Aging Mastery Starter Kits and related activities to older adults in rural areas to promote healthy aging and reduce social isolation. Contact [Virginia Adams](#) or [Rebecca Matter](#) for more information.

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### Last Day for WLA Merit Awards Nominations!

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 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.

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.



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 today, 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 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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