



October 28, 2020

On this day: **Harvard was founded** in Massachusetts in 1636.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Final Call for Alki Milestones!

The Milestones section focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide — recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed.

Alki is looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please get your Milestones submissions in for the November *Alki* Conference issue by **October 28, 2020** at the latest.

Please send information to Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman, Alki editor, at alkieditor@wla.org.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

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

Goldendale Community Library is seeking a **Branch Manager**.

Ritzville Library District #2 is seeking a **Library Director**.

University of Washington is seeking a **Nursing and Research Services Librarian**. This position is open until November 23.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Register for #WLA2020 by October 30!

Did you miss the chance to use your 2020 Vision and Look into the Future with us during the **2020 WLA Virtual Conference**? Never fear – you can still take advantage of the great learning and networking opportunities through our extended-access virtual conference platform!

Registration for full access to the archived WLA 2020 Conference is open through 11:59 pm on October 30, 2020. For just \$65 per person (\$50 for WLA members!) you'll get access to recordings, presentation materials, and more through December 31, 2020.

NCW Libraries is seeking a **Branch Librarian (Omak)**.

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

THE LEARNING CURVE

ALA "Who Are the People In Your Ecosystem?" Webinar

The ALA Statewide Ecosystem Taskforce has launched a **website** and toolkit to help state associations and their partners build an internal set of relationships among all library types and organizations.

A webinar will present work done by the Taskforce and the ecosystem toolkit on October 29 from 12-1 pm PST. Register [here](#).

For more information, contact **Megan Murray Cusick**.



Free Webinar Orientation for Congress.gov

The Law Library of Congress will host a free webinar on October 29 from 12-1 pm that will provide a basic overview of **Congress.gov** with a demonstration on general searching and information on setting up alerts for legislation, members, and saved searches. Recent enhancements to Congress.gov will also be covered such as the addition of hearing transcripts and the bound Congressional Record. [Register here](#).

Registrants should expect to receive access to the Whova conference platform within 1-2 business days of registering.

Contact the **WLA Office** for more information!

NEWS & NOTES

WLA Advocacy Corner Turning the Page—A One-Stop Shop for Library Advocacy

Check out the October Advocacy Corner newsletter from committee member Rickey Barnett!

"As libraries adapt to new public health guidelines and pressing community needs during the COVID-19 crisis, library advocacy efforts are more important than ever. However, advocating the immense value of libraries to stakeholders in such unprecedented times can certainly be challenging. More daunting still can be determining where to even begin our advocacy journey..."

[Read more in WLA's Advocacy Corner!](#)

Share Your Library Stories!

The WLA Advocacy Committee is collecting library stories, and we want to hear from you! Share your story [here](#).

Storytelling is a powerful tool that can connect 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?

Nominate Your Favorite Library Pro for the I Love My Librarian Award

Library users have through November 9, 2020 to nominate their favorite library professionals for the American Library Association's *I Love My Librarian Award*. [Nominations can be made online](#).

The national award recognizes the

National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibits

Has your library previously hosted National Library of Medicine exhibits such as *Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine in Harry Potter's World*, or others? There are now opportunities to host two new exhibits.

The application process is open, for **Care and Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health** and **This Lead is Killing Us: A History of Citizens Fighting Lead Poisoning in their Communities**. Submit your completed application to **NLM** by November 6, 2020, 11:59 pm, E.S.T.

Participate in Survey on Copyright Knowledge

California State University - Chico, Arizona State University, and Portland Community College invite library personnel in the Western region of the United States to **complete a survey** that will investigate copyright knowledge of those working in various libraries. The survey will close December 11, 2020.

Participation in the study is voluntary, and the survey is expected to take 8-12 minutes to complete. If the above survey link does not work, the **following link** may be used as a substitute. Those who complete the survey may choose to enter a raffle for one of four Amazon gift cards.

Contact the Human Subjects in Research Committee at 530-898-3145 or **IRB@csuchico.edu** with questions.

accomplishments of outstanding public, school, college, community college or university librarians who have gone above and beyond for their communities. For more information, contact **campaign@ala.org**.

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.