



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 2, 2020

On this day: In 1982, Seattle dentist Barney Clark became the first human to **receive** a permanent artificial heart.

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MAKING HEADLINES



Check Out Our Giving Tuesday Special

Do you supervise or mentor library staff? Are you looking for a meaningful way to recognize them during the holidays?

Our Giving Tuesday Special offers the opportunity to make a donation in a colleague or loved one's name, or to give the gift of annual membership to them.

Find more information at wla.org/giving.

Last Day to Apply — 2021 WLA Committees

There's still time left to apply to one of **WLA's Standing Committees**. Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved!

WLA members who are willing to participate in appointed committee meetings and activities are welcome to apply. **Applications** are due by the end of today, **December 2**.

Appointments will be made by December 18. If appointed, you will

be notified for a term starting January 1, 2021. Please contact the **WLA Office** for more information.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a **Director of Library Services**. This position is open until December 20.

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

Newberg Public Library, Oregon is seeking a **Circulation Supervisor**.

NCW Libraries is seeking an **Area Manager (Okanogan/Ferry Counties)**.

NCW Libraries is seeking an **IT Director**.

Renton Technical College is seeking an **Instructional Librarian**.

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

San Juan Island Library is seeking a **Librarian Associate II: Youth Services Librarian**. This position is open until December 20.

San Juan Island Library is seeking an **Adult Programs Associate**.

Seattle Public Library is seeking a **Human Resources Manager**. This position is open until December 15.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Manager II**. This position is open until December 13.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Medical and Research Services Librarian**. This position is open until December 20.

University of Washington Health Sciences Library is seeking an **Assistant Director in the Regional Medical Library**.

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.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

ALA JANUARY 22-26, 2021

MIDWINTER MEETING & EXHIBITS

VIRTUAL

ALA American Library Association

Registration for is open for ALA Midwinter Virtual, January 22-26, 2021.

The event will include "New Urgencies for Change" sessions from the Symposium on the Future of Libraries, News You Can Use series, special author events, a virtual Exhibit Hall, the Youth Media Awards, the I Love My Librarian Award Ceremony, live-chat presentations, and networking opportunities.

Featured speakers include Opening Session speakers **Ibram X. Kendi** and **Keisha N. Blain**, and ALA President's Program speaker **Joy Harjo**.

NEWS & NOTES

WLA Advocacy Corner COVID-19 Service Stories

WLA is gathering personal accounts of the ways libraries are supporting their communities during the pandemic.

Your advocacy stories are critical right now in conveying the importance of libraries to legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees, and we want to hear from you!

Please share **your story** today!

YACHT Club: A Washington Youth Services Virtual Discussion Group

The first gathering of YACHT (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics) Club will be December 3 at 10 a.m to discuss accessibility

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

THE LEARNING CURVE

Apply for Transforming Teen Services: Training Cohort

Applications are open until December 15 for the Washington State Library *Transforming Teen Services: Training Cohort*, developed as part of a grant project with the Young Adult Library Services Association and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

In this workshop series, which includes synchronous virtual meetings as well as independent learning and reflection requirements, topics will include teen development, facilitation best practices, computational thinking, and how to engage teens through Connected Learning principles.

A certificate of participation from WSL will be presented to each participant upon completion of the program, indicating they have successfully completed 10 hours of continuing education, earning 20 CE credits in the area of teen services.

Free Library Marketing Webinar

The Inland Northwest Council of Libraries is pleased to offer a free, two-part live webinar on library marketing on Thursday, December 3, from 10 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3 pm. **Registration** is limited.

The webinar will feature speakers Angela Hursh, Senior Engagement Consultant for NovelList, and Sasha Vasilic, Head of Public Relations and Marketing at Niles-Maine District Library in Illinois.

A link to recordings of the presentations will be sent to registrants.

ScLD/Public Library/CAYAS Roundtable on Dec. 11

Our Roundtable is back! Gather with public and school librarians on Friday, December 11 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm to check-in, chat, and support each other. **Register here**.

in virtual/remote library programs. No registration is required. Access the **Zoom meeting** [here](#).

Youth Services Librarian Erin Groth (Washington Talking Book and Braille Library) will give a brief presentation on how she makes sure that programs are accessible for her patrons.

The meeting will be recorded and available for viewing on the Washington State Library **Youth Services Niche Academy** page.

Library Trivia Night – A Friendly Competition for a Great Cause

On December 16 at 1 p.m. PST, ProQuest will co-host a virtual trivia event with **Steve Bahnaman**, Reference and eResources Librarian at Campbell University.

Categories will be library-themed (e.g. movie librarians, famous libraries and more). **Sign up today!**

There are three ways to participate:

- Organizing a team for your institution? Register today and you'll be sent a link to share with your colleagues – they don't need to register.
- Want to be placed on a random team with other librarians? Sign up and you'll be informed of your team closer to the event.
- Want to play as an individual, and not on a team? Sign up solo.

ProQuest will make a \$500 donation in the winning team members' names to a literacy-themed charity of their choice.

Find full details and registration information on the **event website**.

6th Annual State Zine Contest

The 6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest is now open.

Submission guidelines, the entry form, and a video on how to make zines can be found on the Washington Center for the Book's **Washington State Zine Contest website**. Submissions are due by February 26, 2021.

The artwork for this year's poster was created by Chris Sabatini of the Olympia Timberland

It's the winter season, so first we'll be sharing cookie recipes (or your preferred treat for the season) and sipping warm beverages while airing the grievances of library life "à la quarantaine." After, we will discuss ideas for culturally inclusive programming, work out partnerships, and identify our strengths in aligning school and public library goals.

If you were able to watch the PB&J session at #WLA2020 this will be a great continuation with your colleagues. If you were unable to attend, we suggest this as the perfect invitation for a first "get to know you."

Webinar: Tools for Locating Primary Sources in Archives and Online

Steve A. Knowlton, librarian for History and African American Studies at Princeton University, will present a 60-minute webinar on December 9 at 10 a.m. PST for librarians new to working with patrons who need to find primary sources.

The webinar will cover using four important electronic databases, and several prominent printed resources, to locate primary sources in archives and in online databases. Visit the [RUSA website](#) to register and learn more.

Call for Presentations: 2021 ICMA Regional Conferences

The International City/County Management Association invites library professionals to share their knowledge, best practices, and creative solutions that help to push local government leaders and their communities forward by presenting virtually at the 2021 ICMA Regional Conferences. The **West Coast Regional Conference** takes place March 25-26, 2021.

Presenters will choose from several presentation formats and eight requested topic areas important to the profession. Proposals need **to be submitted** by Monday, December 14 and should focus on tools, processes, and practices in the long-term, equitable recovery and transformation of local government management and communities.

Please contact **Felicia Littky** with questions.

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Email sara.pete@sos.wa.gov with questions.

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. 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.

Call for Nominations for the Gerald Hodges Award

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) **Coalition Building Committee** is accepting nominations for the 2021 **Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award**.

The Gerald Hodges Award recognizes an intellectual freedom-focused organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality and anti-censorship efforts.

Please find full **details about the award here**, and information on how to nominate a state chapter or organization. The deadline for nominations is January 1, 2021.

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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