



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 23, 2020

On this day: George Washington **resigned** as commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1783.

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## MAKING HEADLINES



### Announcing the WA Digital TeachKit!

Overwhelmed by all the new tech tools? Check out the WA Digital TeachKit, a new resource for educators, at [wla.org/teachkit](http://wla.org/teachkit).

This one-stop shop, curated by Washington school librarians, is a resource that covers 22 different tools, from Audacity to Zoom, and includes guides, best practices, and lesson ideas. It's a curated resource bank designed for educators to improve their virtual classrooms.

Have questions or want to learn more? Please contact [teachkit@wla.org](mailto:teachkit@wla.org).



### Give the Gift of Advocacy this Holiday Season

Are you **looking for a thoughtful gift** for a library advocate? This holiday season, make a donation in a colleague or loved one's name — or gift them a year of WLA membership, which includes opportunities for professional development, networking, and more!

Learn about our 2020 Holiday Giving Special at [wla.org/giving](http://wla.org/giving). This opportunity is available through **December 31!**

### LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Department of Revenue is seeking a **Records and Info Management Specialist**. This position is open until January 3.

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

The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian**. This position is open until January 22.

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking an **Outreach Librarian**.

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

University of Puget Sound is seeking a **Public Services Specialist**. This position is open until January 10.

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Digital Experience Manager**. This position is open until January 4.

Timberland Regional Library is seeking a **Library Manager 3**. This position is open until December 27.

If your institution has a posting for libraries in

### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**ALA** JANUARY 22-26, 2021

**MIDWINTER  
MEETING & EXHIBITS**

**VIRTUAL**

ALA American Library Association

### Register for ALA Midwinter Virtual

**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.

### NEWS & NOTES

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

### YACHT Club: Youth Homelessness Prevention & Libraries

Join YACHT Club on Thursday, January 7 at 10 a.m. for its second meeting. **Register here**. January's discussion will center on youth homelessness in Washington state and the role that libraries can play in prevention efforts and supporting homeless and unstably housed youth. After **registering**, review the linked resources below to prepare for discussion.

- **"The Future of Healing"**
- **"Positive Youth Development - Tools & Guides"**
- **Washington State Data**
- **"Improving Stability for Youth Exiting Systems of Care"**

The recording will be posted to **WSL Youth Services Niche Academy**.

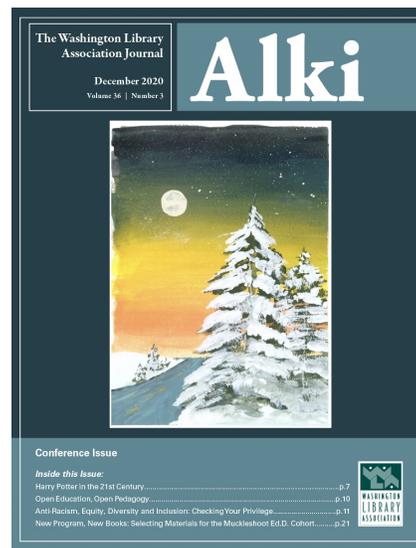
### Media Literacy for Adults: Meeting Patrons Where They Are

**Register** for this free webinar, as part of a **new series** from ALA on Media Literacy in the Library, on January 12 at 11 a.m. PST.

People who need media literacy skills may not be eager to sign up for a program or class on the subject; in fact, they may not know their skills are lacking at all. In this webinar, Kristen Calvert (Dallas Public Library) and Amber Conger (Kershaw County Library) will cover how library workers can meet the needs of their adult patrons and how to incorporate media literacy practices in existing programs and at the reference desk.

Can't make it to the webinar? ALA has **released** a free practitioner's guide on adult media literacy education.

### PILLARS Symposium: Call for Proposals



The winter issue of Alki **has arrived!** This issue is historically the Conference Issue, where the **Alki Editorial Committee** covers some of the ideas that were raised at the annual WLA conference.

Readers will see some great thoughts about virtual conferences, a look at the keynote by Wanda K. Brown, and a tasting menu of school library conference sessions. The Committee is also thrilled to announce the launch of our Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion column!

Check out **December's issue!**

### WLA Advocacy Corner Share Your COVID-19 Service Story

We want to hear from you!

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

Your advocacy stories are critical in conveying the importance of libraries to legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees.

Please **share** your story today!

### Sasquatch Award Committee seeking Public Librarian Members

Have you read any great middle grade books lately? Are you a public librarian working with readers age 9-13? Consider joining the Sasquatch Reading Award Committee.

The Sasquatch Committee is beginning its

**The PILLARS Symposium** is looking for presentations from high school and college-level educators that represent a wide range of student experiences for its virtual conference. Conference dates are July 7-9, 2021. **Submit** your proposal by **Friday, January 22**.

Applicants should show how work in their field contributes to successful college readiness. Presentations should be 45-60 minutes in length, in a format that best suits your topic, and includes time for discussion or Q&A, and covers one of the following topics:

- Exceptional Learners
- High School Experience
- First-Year College Experience
- Instructional Practices
- Other Ideas

For more information, please contact the planning committee at [pillars@esln.org](mailto:pillars@esln.org).

*The WLA Office is closed through Friday, December 25. Regular office hours will resume Monday, December 28.*

creation of the 2021-2022 nomination list. Please contact **David Winkeljohn** for more information.

### **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 deadline for nominations is January 1, 2021.

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.

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.