



## WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 27, 2021



## WA LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE WEEK FEB 9-12

### Registration Open for WA Library Legislative Week

Join us online for WA Library Legislative Week, February 9-12, sponsored by WLA. [Register here!](#)

Attendance will be free to this invaluable opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state, understand legislative priorities in 2021, and connect with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

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### Spring *Alki* Issue: Call for Papers & AEDI Contributors

Washington Library Association's *Alki* is [seeking articles](#) for its March 2021 Issue, *Where Are We Now*, as well as [seeking contributors](#) for its Anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion (AEDI) column. The editorial committee wants to

hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession!

Have questions or want to discuss ideas? Contact Alki Editor [Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman](#).

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### **WLA Seeking WA Early Learning Advisory Council Rep**

Do you work with children and/or youth? Are you interested in policy development and implementation that directly impacts youth across the state? The Washington Library Association is seeking a representative to the [Early Learning Advisory Council](#) (ELAC) of Washington State.

For more information and to apply, please view the [ELAC Application](#). Applications are due by Wednesday, February 3. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

### **Look Who's Hiring**

Bellevue College is seeking an [OER Librarian, Assistant Professor](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Director of Information Technology Services](#). This position is open until February 4.

The City of Liberty Lake is seeking a [Municipal Library Director](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager I](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Community Libraries Director](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [IT Director](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#).

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Manager of Online Learning Support](#).

University of Washington Health Sciences Library is seeking an [Assistant Director](#) in the Regional Medical Library.

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking an [Outreach Librarian](#).

Tigard Public Library is seeking a [Youth Services Senior Library Assistant](#).

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

## Conference Bulletin

### ATALM 2021 Call for Proposals

The [Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums](#) is seeking proposals for its 2021 International Conference, November 29-December 1, 2021. The deadline to [submit](#) session proposals is February 24. Proposals submitted after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.

Focus areas include case studies of successful programs with protocols for replication, as well as interactive or hands-on activities that build tangible skills. [Read here](#) for more session and proposal information. Please email [conference@atalm.org](mailto:conference@atalm.org) with questions.

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### Library Journal Virtual Winter Summit Coming Soon

Join Library Journal for its [Winter Summit: Building the Next Normal](#), on February 23 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. PST. [Registration](#) is free.

The day-long gathering will feature library leaders at all levels who will discuss lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and share actionable ideas on how to incorporate them into your post-COVID strategy.

Have questions? Email [ljevents@mediasourceinc.com](mailto:ljevents@mediasourceinc.com) to learn more.

## News & Notes

### Sara Jones Selected as Washington State Librarian

The Washington State Library is excited to [announce](#) Sara Jones has been selected as the new Washington State Librarian. Jones will begin mid-February after serving as the director of the Marin County Free Library since July 2013. Prior to her time in California, Jones held positions in Nevada libraries for 25 years, including serving as the Carson City Library Director, the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System Director and Youth Services Coordinator, and Nevada State Librarian and Administrator of the State Library and Archives from 2000-2007.

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## Nominations Open for 2021 Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustee Elections

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) Nominations Committee is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for five vacant trustee positions. The nomination deadline is this Friday, January 29. The Board of Trustees comprises 15 members, including 11 elected trustees and four Ex-Officio trustees. Visit the [FTRF website](#) for more information about.

Trustees serve two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms before stepping off the board for at least one year. Trustees are required to attend two one-day meetings per year, which are held in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings and teleconferences. Contact [Yumeka Brown](#) at (312) 280-4223 with questions.



### 2020 Washington State Book Award Event

The Washington Center for the Book and the Washington Library Association are pleased to present an evening with [Eric Liu](#), winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for Creative Nonfiction for [Become America](#), on January 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. PST. [Registration is required](#) to attend.

*Become America* is a collection of “civic sermons” delivered at gatherings around the nation. Liu will do a brief reading followed by a discussion on civic involvement and a Q&A.

### Applications sought for 2021 Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants

Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three [Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants](#).

Every year, in the process of choosing the Coretta Scott King Book Award

winners and honor books, the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association receives multiple copies of over 100 titles by African American authors and illustrators to give.

[Applications](#) will be accepted through February 1, 2021 at 2 p.m. PST, and winners will be announced by late March or early April.

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### 2021 RUSA Book & Media Awards Virtual Ceremony

Join [RUSA](#) for this free event as the year's best in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, audiobook narration, and reference materials are unveiled, featuring the [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction](#). The ceremony and reception will be held virtually on Thursday, February 4 from 1-2 pm PST. [Register here](#) today!

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### 2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards Celebration

The winners for the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association 2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards have been announced and will be celebrated at a virtual gathering on February 10 at 6 p.m. PST.

[Register here](#) to join the celebration and meet the winners:

- Donna Barba Higuera (Issaquah, WA) [Lupe Wong Won't Dance](#)
- E.J. Koh (Seattle, WA) [The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir](#)
- Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Vancouver, BC) [Mexican Gothic](#)
- Kim Johnson (Eugene, OR) [This is My America](#)
- Tina Ontiveros (Hood River, OR) [rough house](#)
- Aiden Thomas (Portland, OR) [Cemetery Boys](#)

### The Learning Curve



ScLD Roundtable to Discuss Digital TeachKit

Join WLA's School Library Division for a Roundtable on Wednesday, February 3 from 4-5 p.m. with the curators of the WA TeachKit ([wla.org/TeachKit](http://wla.org/TeachKit)). This resource created by ScLD Teacher Librarians for WA state educators is a concise tool that you can share with your communities.

Come chat with the ScLD designers about the process and how to best use this tool in your schools! Make sure to [register](#) in advance. Hope to see you there!

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### **ProQuest "Lessons in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" Webinar**

[Register here](#) for "Lessons in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Managing Change from Where You Are," on January 28 at 11 a.m. PST.

Speakers Roosevelt Weeks (Director of Austin Public Library) and Katie Dover-Taylor (Interim Head of Information Services at William P. Faust Library) will offer guidance for libraries to effectively organize for diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice.

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### **Niche Academy: Library As Small Press**

To meet patrons' needs for quality local content, more and more libraries have stepped into the role of small press to produce books written by staff and community writers. In this webinar, you'll learn the basic steps to publishing and promoting a print and digital book as well as ideas for programming and community partnerships stemming from your book.

[Register here](#) for the webinar, which takes place today, January 27 at 11 a.m. PST. A recording will be sent to all registrants after the presentation.

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### **Making Each Other Look Good: the Library Board and the Library Director**

Join Jamie LaRue for this [LibraryWorks](#) webinar on February 11 at 11 a.m. PST. [Register here](#). This webinar will focus on observable communication behaviors, appropriate roles, scopes of responsibility, library evaluation, board evaluations, and director evaluations. While the focus is mostly on boards and directors, any staff member interested in the larger dynamics of this relationship may find the session illuminating.

Registration is \$49 per person. For special rates for groups of four or more, please contact [jenny@libraryworks.com](mailto:jenny@libraryworks.com).

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) by Monday to be included in that week's digest.*

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