



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

WLA School Library Division Launches Blog

The WLA School Library Division is pleased to announce its [new blog](#)! We will use the blog to share opportunities for professional growth, shared practice, and celebration of the fantastic things Washington State's School Libraries and Librarians are doing.

We also want to hear your stories! What fantastic things are happening in your school library programs? How have you advocated for students, supported teachers, and enriched learning? How have you been meeting the needs of your school communities during the pandemic? Please take a moment to [share](#) your story. We would like "Stories from School Libraries" to be a regular feature of this blog so that we can celebrate our successes and learn from each other.

Call for *Alki* Milestones and Artwork!

The *Alki* Editorial Committee is calling for Milestones and artwork submissions!

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.

Additionally, the Editorial Committee would love to see YOUR artwork on the cover of *Alki*! Have something you'd like to share? Please send a JPG to Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman for consideration!

Please send Milestones and/or artwork submissions to [Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman](#), *Alki* editor, for the March issue by **Monday, February 22**.

Take the WLA Public Library Division Survey!

The WLA Public Library Division wants to learn what your goals are for being a member of PLD and what you would like to see from our division this year. Please complete this super-quick, 10-question [survey](#) by February 28 and help shape the division's direction in 2021!

Not a member of PLD but would like to join? Click [here](#) to add PLD to your WLA membership. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward!

Has Your Library Budget Been Cut?

The [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) is gathering information regarding library budget cuts, to use in its advocacy efforts with legislators, stakeholders, and others.

If your library's budget has undergone recent cuts, or if cuts are on the horizon, please [fill out](#) this brief survey to help them gather the essential information needed to best lobby for and support our Washington Library community.



Call for Social Media News and Ideas

Know of library news, conferences or events that would interest other library folks? WLA's [Marketing team](#) would love to hear from you!

Whether it's a specific event or a suggestion of what you'd like to see more of on social media, send an email to info@wla.org, with subject heading: *WLA Social Media*. Be sure to include any deadlines, if applicable. News and events should promote WA libraries, WLA members, and librarianship in general, with the purpose of building a strong professional community.

While you think of news to share, start by visiting our main social media pages, [WLA](#) on Facebook and [@WALIBASSN](#) on Twitter, and Like / Follow us if you haven't already.

Look Who's Hiring

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

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

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking an [Access Services Librarian](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Community Library Supervisor I](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [District Manager](#). The position is open until February 18.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Service Assistant I \(Multiple Locations\)](#).

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.

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

Conference Bulletin

Call for Proposals: COVID-19 Infodemic Symposium

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) invites proposals and panelists for its virtual symposium: [Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic](#). Proposals are due by 8:59 p.m. PST on February 26.

Proposals related to COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation can include topics on Health Equity; Vaccination; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Public Health; Communication; Community Outreach and Programming; and Education.

To submit a proposal, please [complete](#) the submission form. Contact [Sarah Levin-Lederer](#) or [Sharon Han](#) with questions.



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 with questions.

Join Library Journal's Virtual Winter Summit

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 to learn more.

Register for Upcoming #NAVROC

[Registration](#) is now open for the [North American Virtual Reference Online Conference 2021](#). This free online conference will take place February 23-25, from 9 a.m.-noon PST daily.

Meredith Farkas will give the keynote opening session with her presentation, *"Resisting Achievement Culture with Slow Librarianship."* All sessions will be recorded. To check out the full schedule and register for this event, please visit navronline.org.

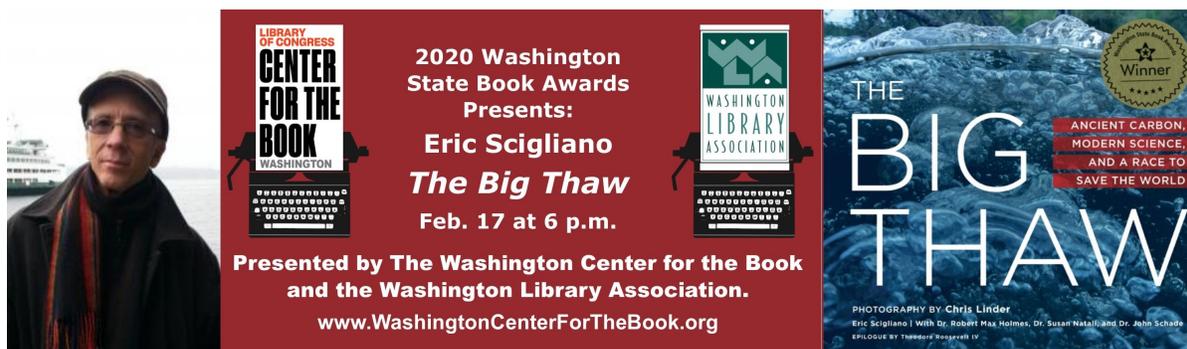
ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Small & Rural Libraries Grants

The American Library Association invites libraries in small and rural communities [to apply for grant funding](#) by March 4 to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. Grants will be awarded in two rounds in 2020 and 2021. For more information, contact the [ALA Public Programs Office](#).

REALM Project Test 7 and 8 Results Available

The REALM Project has [published](#) the results of Tests 7 and 8 of Battelle's laboratory testing for infectious COVID-19 virus on materials commonly found in libraries, archives and museums. These tests compare the effect of colder and warmer temperatures on the attenuation rate of the virus on materials previously tested at ambient room temperatures.



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 Scigliano](#) tonight, February 17 from 6-7 p.m. PST. Scigliano is winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for General Nonfiction for [The Big Thaw: Ancient Carbon, Modern Science, and a Race to Save the World](#).

[Registration](#) is required to attend this free event. For more information and questions, email [Seattle Public Library](#) or call 206-386-4636.

Deadline for Annual WA State Zine Contest Approaching

The [6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest](#) (all ages) is open until February 26!

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. Email [Sara Peté](#) with questions.

The Learning Curve

Learn About Media Literacy, Digital Citizenship

How do we support children to become critical consumers, sharers, and creators of print and digital media?

The UW College of Education is [offering](#) upcoming professional and community learning opportunities focused on media literacy. Two classes, one for elementary teachers and one for secondary teachers will take place February 16-19, with a class for parents and their children on February 18. Another class aimed toward secondary teachers will be offered April 21-May 5.

For questions, contact professionallearning@uw.edu.

"Helping Library Patrons with Autism: Start with Understanding"

Join Library 2.0 for [Helping Library Patrons with Autism](#), an hour-long training webinar presented by Dr. James R. Wining on February 19 at 1 p.m. PST. Click [here](#) to register. You will first need to be a member of Library 2.0 (free) and be logged in to complete registration.

Cost to attend is \$99 per person, which includes any-time access to the recording and the presentation slides. Dr. Wining will provide his experience and expertise to library leaders and staffers, to help them best understand and serve patrons with autism.

RUSA eCourse: Reference Interview 101

Beginning February 22, "Reference Interview 101" is a six-week e-course with David Tyckoson that will focus on the methods of evaluating reference service, behavioral aspects of reference service, and the different types of questions that can be used to help patrons identify what they need.

The course is geared toward support staff, library technicians, and newly hired reference librarians. For more information, [view](#) the Winter 2021 program page. Questions may be directed to registration@ala.org.

United for Libraries Monthly Virtual Series

[United for Libraries](#) will host [Proactive Advocacy and Communication for Library Trustees and Staff](#) on Tuesday, February 23 at 11 a.m. PST. The program, presented by Lori Fisher, will cover simple steps that library boards and staff can integrate into communication processes, using both outward- and inward-facing tools.

Register [here](#). The live session will be available at no cost to United for Libraries members and Statewide Group Members.

ALA Connect Live: Sustainable Development

Join ALA President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. for the first [ALA Connect Live program](#) of 2021 taking place on February 25 at 11 a.m. PST.

ALA recognizes the important and unique role libraries play in wider community conversations about resiliency, climate change, a sustainable future, and what libraries themselves can do. Learn about ALA efforts and new resources for you — and how you and your library can be change agents. This ALA Connect Live will include leaders of ALA's [Sustainability Round Table](#) and ALA's [Task Force on the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

[Register](#) in advance, and [submit](#) your questions on this topic or any subject of interest to you. Email membervalue@ala.org for more information.

Survey: Collection Development — What's In Your Library?

School library professionals are invited to [complete](#) a 20-minute survey "Collection Development: What's in Your Library," as part of research project at Point Park University that seeks to investigate the attitudes and collection development habits of school librarians with respect to the purchase and promotion of LGBTQ+ themed materials or authors.

Participation in this survey is anonymous and no personal information will be collected. The survey will close on March 1. For more information, contact [Jennifer Sturge](#).

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest.

It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association.
[Join](#) or **[Renew](#)** your membership today!

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