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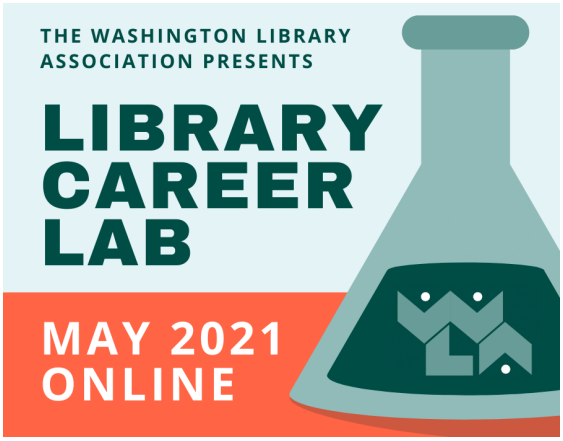


WLA Library Career Lab Arrives in May!

Are you looking for...

- An introduction to a career in libraries?
- A career reset?
- Professional development ideas or guidance?

The 2021 WLA Library Career Lab is here to give you a boost! This virtual, month-long program will feature resume review, interview “speed dating,” various information sessions, panel discussions and more. Get answers to your questions around library trends, find out what it’s like to work at different library types, and network with colleagues. Stay tuned for more information!

WLA ScLD Announces BIPOC Membership Scholarships

The WLA School Library Division is pleased to launch its BIPOC Membership Scholarships. The division has 20 memberships available, open to any BIPOC Teacher Librarian, School Library Paraprofessional, Reading Specialist, Teacher, or Administrator in Washington State, at no cost. Scholarships are first-come, first served and will be awarded on a rolling basis until all are used.

Learn more on the **WLA ScLD Blog**. The scholarship application is now open, and can be found **here**.

Next ScLD/CAYAS Roundtable Coming Up!

Please join the WLA School Library Division and CAYAS Section for a joint roundtable to discuss topics of legislation relevant to WLA membership! The roundtable will take place Saturday, March 27 from 10-11 a.m.

Make sure to **register** in advance! Contact the **WLA Office** with questions.

Survey: 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.

Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College is seeking an **OER Librarian, Assistant Professor**.

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking an **Access Services Librarian**.

Electronic Arts is seeking a **Taxonomist (Temporary)**.

King County Library System is seeking a **Human Resources Manager** and a **Project Specialist II - Facilities Management Services**.

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a **Community Libraries Supervisor I**.

NCW Libraries has **Multiple Current Openings**.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Branch Manager (Gig Harbor)**.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Cataloging Assistant** and a **Public Services Assistant I**.

Spokane Falls Community College is seeking a **Dean of Professional Studies, Library & Workforce Education**.

Sub Pop Records is seeking a **Digital Operations Specialist**.

Tacoma Community College is seeking a **Manager of Online Learning Support**.

University of Washington is seeking a **Data Services Specialist**.

Washington Elementary School is seeking a **Teacher Librarian**.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Branch Manager (North Fork)**.

Tigard Public Library is seeking a **Part-Time Librarian (Adult Services)**.

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

Registration for 2021 ALA Annual Now Open

Register now for ALA Annual's Virtual Conference & Exhibition taking place June 23-29, 2021. **#ALAAC21** will feature educational programming, the News You Can Use series, memorable featured speakers, special author events, The Library Marketplace, Presidents' Programs, Discussion Groups, leading authors, live-chat presentations, and networking opportunities.

Catch Early Deadline for ACRL Virtual Conference

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has opened registration for the **ACRL 2021 Virtual Conference**, "Ascending into An Open Future." The conference will be held April 13-16.

Keynote speakers include author **Tressie McMillan Cottom** and journalist **Mona Chalabi**. Featured presenters include **Kaetrena Davis Kendrick** and **We Here** administrators **Jennifer Brown**, **Jennifer Ferretti**, and Charlotte Roh.

The Early Bird deadline for students, members, and nonmembers is March 12. Register **here**. For registration assistance, email **ACRL Reg Help** or call 864-208-2676.

Call for Proposals at #NWILL Conference

The **Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing** Conference Committee invites proposals for lightning rounds and regular sessions on interlibrary loan and resource sharing from all over North America and the world. Submissions from all types of libraries are encouraged.

Topics of interest include: Budget challenges; Copyright/CONTU; COVID innovations; Diversity & Inclusion; ILL 101; ILL plus other responsibilities; Patron Outreach; Staffing shortages (regular and student/volunteer); Work/Life Balance, and more!

Presenters and co-presenters will receive free registration to the conference. Proposal **applications** are due April 16. If you have questions, please email **nwillconf@gmail.com**.

News & Notes

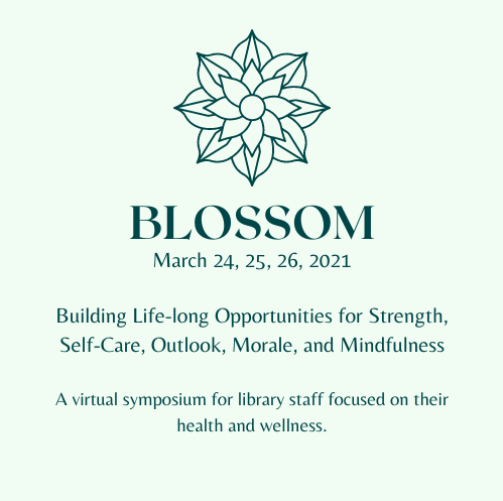
AASL Launches Final Snapshot Survey

The **American Association of School Librarians** (AASL) has launched a survey to conclude the series of surveys launched in the spring of 2020 capturing the state of school libraries during pandemic school closures.

The final survey is open to all school librarians, including building-level school librarians, district supervisors, and educators of school librarians at the college/university level, through March 26. Access it at **ala.org/aasl/snapshot**.

Washington Digital Heritage Grants: Open for applications

Washington Digital Heritage Grants provide up to $15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote creating and sharing digital content documenting Washington's history. Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special libraries for projects running through June 2022. The 2021-2022 grant is now open for applications. Learn more **here**.



BLOSSOM! Building Life-long Opportunities for Strength, Self-Care, Outlook, Morale, and Mindfulness Symposium

This free three-day virtual symposium, March 24-26, will bring together experts on morale in libraries, invisible services in libraries, vocational awe, burnout, and self-care. The symposium will provide library staff at all levels, including management, with key takeaways to improve library staff's health and wellness. This event is open to all library staff regardless of employment status and to library science students. This virtual even provides 8 continuing education (CE) credits.

The Learning Curve

REALM Project: "Caring for Your Resources During COVID-19"

Join members of the REopening Archives, Libraries and Museums (**REALM**) project team for a FREE webinar, **Caring for Your Resources During COVID-19**, today, March 10 at 10 a.m. PST. **Register here**.

Amid COVID-19, many libraries are reopening and expanding access to services in their communities. The challenges of reopening during a pandemic have led to many questions about policies for staff, the handling of materials, as

well as the management of building operations. REALM project team members will share information about the project, including freely available resources to support local decision-making.

The Zoom webinar will be recorded and available to view after the event is complete. Captions will be available. For more information, please email **courses@culturalheritage.org**.

Offerings from the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

How PubMed® Works: How PubMed Works is a series of 90-minute classes presented via WebEx. Register for each class separately. All classes are from 10-11:30 a.m. PST

- March 11: **How PubMed Works: Selection**
- March 18: **How PubMed Works: MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)**
- March 25: **How PubMed Works: ATM (Automatic Term Mapping)**

NNLM Reading Club Presents: Amy Byer Shainman

In this NNLM Reading Club Presents session, author Amy Byer Shainman will discuss her book, “Resurrection Lily: The BRCA Gene, Hereditary Cancer and Lifesaving Whispers from the Grandmother I Never Knew.” She will be joined by Ellen Matloff, Certified Genetic Counselor, and President and CEO of My Gene Counsel. In this program, these two genetic cancer experts will share their story, their knowledge and answer your questions. **Join the live stream** on March 11 at 12 p.m. PST.

Ethical Issues in Citizen Science Research

In this presentation, Lisa Rasmussen will describe a series of ethical issues arising in citizen science, how they are situated with respect to contemporary research infrastructure, what the field of citizen science is doing to address ethical challenges, and future steps for ensuring that citizen science research is conducted ethically. Join Rasmussen on March 24 at 11 a.m. PST. **Register here**.

Pandemic Voices: Zines on Zoom Focus Group

Join two University of Washington iSchool Capstone students on March 11 from 4-5 p.m. to chat with fellow zine enthusiasts and novices. **Register here**.

If you love zines, expressing yourself, writing, or storytelling, please join the session to give them insight into what you would love to learn about zines and the process that goes into creating/publishing them. The capstone students will collect input from all attendees to take into consideration when designing a zine workshop to take place in April.

Students in Reference: Peer Consultation and Leadership Opportunities

Oregon Reference Summit will host its next virtual webinar on March 18 from 2-3 p.m. Join Billie Boyd, Chris Granatino, and Caitlin Plovnick (Seattle University) and Samantha Hage and Jen Saulnier (Washington State University) for this free presentation, "Students in Reference: Peer Consultation and Leadership Opportunities." **Register here**.

Are you considering using students to help staff your reference department? Come and hear what two institutions have implemented. Attendees will learn how their programs build on existing expertise, extend the reach of services, and empower students to succeed.

Since Time Immemorial Librarian-Focused Webinar

Please join the **Office of Native Education** on March 18 from 3-5 p.m. for a Librarian-Focused Since Time Immemorial Implementation Training webinar. **Register here**. The webinar will provide information about the state's implementation requirements, navigate STI curriculum resources, and share supplemental and tribally-developed books and resources to include in your libraries. Two free clock hours will be offered.

If you have questions, please contact **Joan Banker** or **Dr. Laura Lynn**.

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*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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