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WLA WEDNESDAY

March 31, 2021



2021 WLA CONFERENCE

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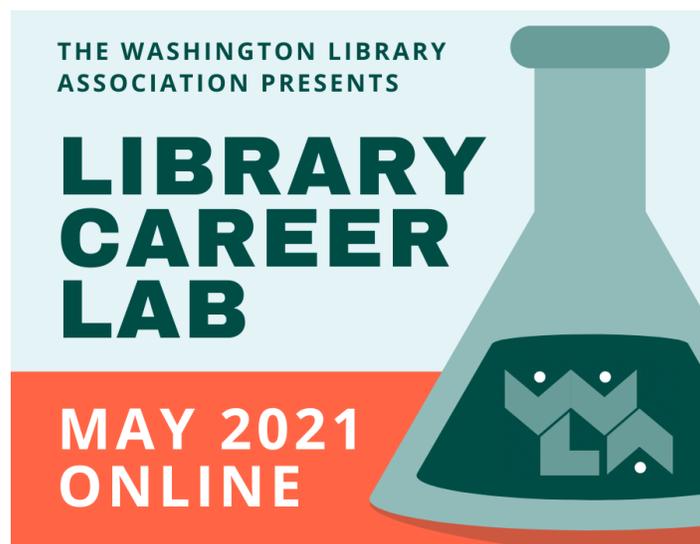
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#WLA2021 Now Accepting Program Proposals

We're now accepting program proposals for #WLA2021, to be held September 30-October 2 in Bellevue! We hope to see you for the full in-person experience, though we will also have select virtual offerings for those who can't make the trip this time. [Submit your proposal](#) by **May 5**. WLA will prioritize presenters from historically underrepresented communities and programs that support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

The [Conference Committee](#) is excited to announce the theme: **Communities, Conversations, Connections**. As each of us has faced isolation and change, we've been pushed to embrace technology, find new ways to connect, and re-examine the status quo. We're preparing for a return to normal, but what does that new normal look like for libraries? How can we start conversations and forge stronger bonds with our communities?

The committee is hard at work planning relevant and fun opportunities for you to reconnect with your colleagues, both virtually and in person. Watch for updates on the [conference website](#)!

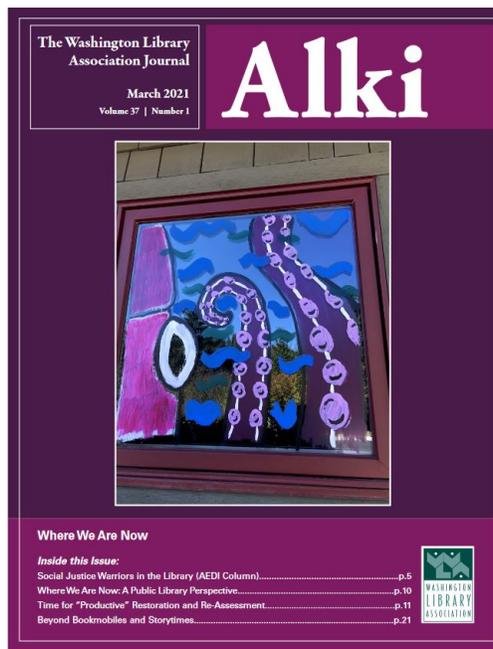


Career Lab Registration Opens Next Week

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 for you! This virtual, month-long program will feature resume review, interview "speed dating," various information sessions, panel discussions, and more.

Registration opens next week! Stay tuned for more information, and contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.



Read the March 2021 Issue of [Alki: Where We Are Now!](#)

The March 2021 issue of *Alki*, hot off the press, offers a variety of stories across library types and from many different perspectives. Many of our articles are rich examinations of integral library work. Whether intentional or not, this issue's content shies away from centering COVID; perhaps we all need space to examine our well-being, our work, and catch a break from the ongoing pandemic. Thanks for [diving in!](#)

Special Libraries Crawl 2021: You're Invited!

[Special Library Association's PNW Chapter](#) and the WLA's [Special Libraries Division](#) will present a series of informational and social events to help members learn more about special libraries in our region: The 2021 Special Libraries Crawl. The first of this series will introduce you to the world of law libraries. [Register here](#). The event is free and open to all who are interested.

Join us via Zoom on April 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. for virtual tours of the Washington State Law Library, the King County (WA) Law Library and the Davis Wright Tremaine Law Firm Library, and have an opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your favorite snack and beverage and spend some time getting to know your library colleagues. Attendees will also have a chance to learn more about SLA PNW and the WLA Special Libraries Division, including information on how to become a member.

WLA Public Library Division Quarterly Meeting

All [Public Library Division](#) members are invited to join the group's quarterly meeting on Friday, April 2 from 1-2 p.m. Save the [Zoom meeting link](#) to your calendar!

This meeting's theme will center on reopening. It's a chance to share ideas, information, and experiences with colleagues from around the state who are experiencing reopening or making plans to reopen.

[Advocacy Corner](#)

Advocating for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Library

This is the second installment in a new series of articles by the WLA Advocacy Committee centered on helping libraries across the state connect with resources aimed at increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts throughout libraries. This week we are spotlighting the main page of the [ALA's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion tab](#) which contains a wealth of wide-ranging resources. A helpful place to begin are the highlighted topics found in the banner at the top of the page. These cover an array of subjects including: strategies for supporting library workers and patrons in the face of hateful conduct; a guide for increasing support for rural libraries; as well as Intersections, a blog highlighting "the work of library and information science workers as they create safe, responsible, and all-inclusive spaces." No matter your library type or where you are in the process of increasing EDI, you will find support for your efforts here.

Have a question about advocacy work at your library? Check out the [advocacy resources](#) on our committee's page or email us with questions.

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Look Who's Hiring

Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a [Public Services Coordinator](#).

Everett Public Library is seeking a [Librarian I](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Director of Collection Management Services](#). This position is open until April 8.

Mid-Columbia Libraries has [Multiple Current Openings](#).

NCW Libraries has [Multiple Current Openings](#).

Shoreline Community College is seeking an [Associate Dean – Library & Learning Resources](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I \(Langley\)](#) and [Library Associate Public Services \(Mukilteo\)](#).

Spokane Falls Community College is seeking a [Dean of Professional Studies, Library & Workforce Education](#).

University of Washington is seeking a [Data Services Specialist](#) and [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Branch Manager \(College Place\)](#).

Washington Elementary School is seeking a [Teacher Librarian](#).

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 for UW iYouth Conference

Are you interested in working towards equity and social justice in youth librarianship? [iYouth](#) at University of Washington invites you to share your ideas at the 2021 Spring Youth Librarianship Conference, taking place May 7!

The call for proposals closes soon on April 2. Learn more and submit your proposal through the [conference proposal application](#). For more information, contact iyouth@uw.edu.

Oregon Library Association 2021 Conference

Library professionals interested in attending the virtual 2021 Oregon Library Association (OLA) Conference are encouraged to register by April 9! Learn more and register [here](#). For questions about conference registration, contact [Shirley Roberts](#).

OLA is offering four days of presentations and workshops on the important theme of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Keynote speakers include Sonja Ervin, equity and inclusion manager for the Multnomah County Library, and David F. Walker, an award-winning comic book writer, filmmaker, journalist, and educator.

Registration open for "Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic: A Virtual Symposium"

Registration is open for a new Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) free, virtual symposium focused on addressing the COVID-19 Infodemic in our communities. The [NNLM Virtual Symposium](#), April 8-9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. PT both days is an opportunity to address misinformation and mistrust, raise awareness about the pandemic and efforts to combat it. Symposium attendees can expect to come away from this experience with a better understanding of COVID-19 as well as strategies and programs that can be used to engage with communities.

FTRF to Offer Two ALA Conference Scholarships

Are you interested in intellectual freedom? Would you like to attend the American Library Association's Annual Conference in June? Applications are now open for the [2021 Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship](#). For the first time, two scholarships will be awarded in 2021.

The deadline for submitting an application is April 15; the awards will be announced by April 23. [Apply here](#). For more information, contact the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#).

News & Notes

Meet the New Washington State Librarian

Join the Washington State Library during its upcoming [First Tuesdays](#) event to meet new Washington State Librarian Sara Jones! The session will take place at 9 a.m. on April 6. [Register here](#).

Sara started at WSL on February 16 and would love to meet and hear from library professionals from around Washington. Join her for a discussion of where libraries are now, her vision of the future, and some exciting projects in the works. Come with your questions, comments, and suggestions!

For more information, contact WSL Training Coordinator [Tami Masenhimer](#).

Washington Library Snapshot Week

#LibrarySnapshot Begins April 4

Celebrate Library Snapshot Week! Join the Washington Library Association and the Washington State Library in celebrating a full week of advocacy for our libraries, archives, and special collections across the state, during [National Library Week](#), April 4-10.

[#LibrarySnapshot](#) is a "day in the life" at your library or repository. This is also an opportunity to — with their permission — share your staff and patrons' stories. With many libraries across Washington reopening in stages, Library Snapshot Week will be more important than ever to show off the work that library staff do.

To get involved, staff and patrons can simply snap and upload photos to social media, and tag them with [#LibrarySnapshot](#)!

Native American Library Services Grants Now Available

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting applications for [Native American Library Services Enhancement grants](#). The program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. The grant period is up to two years, and projects must begin September 1, 2021.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 11. To learn more about the program, potential applicants are invited to watch the [pre-application webinar](#).

For questions about application requirements and deadlines, please contact Program Specialists [Sarah Boonie](#) or [Maeve Coudrelle](#).

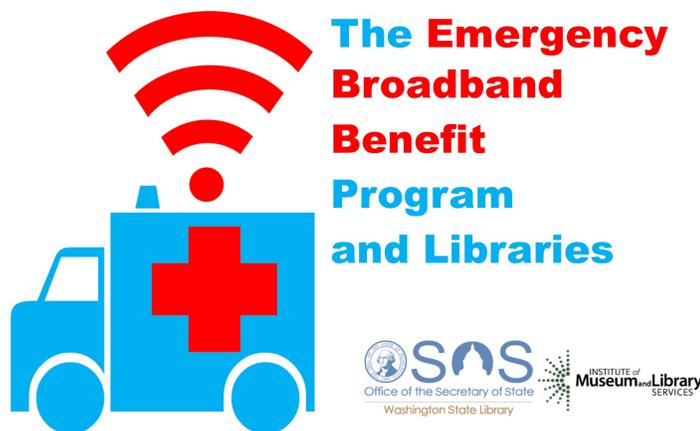
Librarian Lounge: A Student Networking Session

LIS students are invited to a networking session on April 14 from 2:30-4 p.m. PT. Join in for conversation on current topics in the library profession, bounce

ideas off of other attendees, connect with students/colleagues from around the country, and network with mentors in the field.

The session will open with brief remarks from ALA Executive Director, and former Spectrum Scholar, Tracie D. Hall. [Register here!](#) Interested students do not need to be ALA members to attend.

The Learning Curve



WSL Info Session for EBB Program and Libraries

One component of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 was the [Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#), a \$3.2 billion program designed to get families connected to available Internet service. Thousands of Washingtonians are now eligible to receive discounts on monthly broadband service, and credit toward purchasing an appropriate device.

Join the Broadband Advisory Committee for [Washington State Library](#), on April 1 at 2:15 p.m., to learn more about about the soon-to-open federal program, which provides temporary monthly assistance to make broadband more affordable for qualifying households. [Register here!](#) In addition, WSL will talk about privacy-friendly approaches to helping patrons sign up and how libraries can support Washington's working families to participate.

Niche Academy: "Caring for the Mind" Webinar

Responding to questions involving topics on mental health is challenging even for the most experienced librarian. Join Emily Hamstra from [NNLM, Pacific Northwest Region](#) for this free webinar, April 7 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., to learn how to effectively provide mental health information at your library.

[Register here](#). The webinar will increase participants' skills for providing mental health information for care providers and the public. Best approaches for handling interactions with emotional patrons will also be discussed.

LibraryWorks "Reverse Strategic Planning" Webinar

Join presenter Pat Wagner on April 8 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. for this webinar on "reverse" strategic planning. [Register here](#)! With this method, participants will learn to evaluate the progress of events, projects, plans, and causes; reveal issues with how resources are being used; and create a working strategic plan based on what people are already doing.

Registration fee is \$49/person. Email jenny@libraryworks.com for special rates for groups of 4 or more.

Yacht Club YS Meeting: "Nonfiction For Children and Teens"

Feel like your nonfiction collection isn't moving and you don't know what to do? In this session on April 8 from 10-11 a.m., Yacht Club will take a deep dive into the world of nonfiction for children and teens. [Register here](#)! After signing up, be sure to review the Resource Assignments on the registration page and consider the questions listed. For more information, please contact WSL Training Coordinator [Tami Masenhimer](#).

ARSL TRAIN: "Helping Patrons to Improve their Financial Decision-Making Outcomes"

Join ARSL on April 8 at 11 a.m. PT for a TRAIN workshop on free financial literacy resources provided by the federal government and available in your community. [Register here](#)! The workshop is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.

After showcasing their resources, presenters Ken McDonnell, Emily Mross, Bobbie Grey, and Cassie Russell will demonstrate how these resources may be utilized in a library through a set of scenarios. Contact the [ARSL Office](#) for more information.

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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