



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 5, 2021



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### Career Lab Spotlights!

This week, we're highlighting two #WLA Career Lab events. [Register now!](#) All Career Lab events are free for WLA members.

#### **So You Want to Work in Academic Libraries?** | May 5, 12-1 p.m.

What is it really like to work in an academic library? A panel of academic library professionals is here to answer all your burning questions. Hear about jobs in university, community college, and research libraries, and learn how to land those jobs. Questions can be submitted in advance or asked live.

## **Advancing Your Career Through an Association | May 7, 12-1:30 p.m.**

Whether or not you're a member of a professional association, you probably know the sales pitch. National and local library associations can provide excellent professional development, resources, and networks. But how can your involvement in your association become more than a line on your résumé? Hear from panelists who have used their involvement in various associations to advance their careers.

Contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you online!

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### **2021 WLFFTA Spring Meeting**

Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees, and Advocates (WLFFTA) are invited to join the WLFFTA Section for its first 2021 quarterly meeting this Friday, May 7, 9-10:30 a.m. and to meet new state librarian Sara Jones! Use this [Zoom link](#) to join the meeting.

In the first section meeting of 2021, we'll discuss the latest advocacy resources, provide a preview of our plans for the fall WLA conference and introduce our new state librarian. Also, a little extra time will be given to hear your feedback on how WLFFTA can best serve you, our libraries' best supporters. Bring your questions and ideas to share and we'll see you at the end of the week.

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### **Call for Contributions ALD/ACRL-WA Spring 2021 Newsletter**

The WLA Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA is seeking contributions to its biannual newsletter. Please submit your contributions to [Rhonda Kitchens](#) by May 17 for the Spring Issue. Newsletter items that fit the following topics are sought:

- Institution-based news items: New hires, retirements, promotions, job changes, course additions, committee involvement, presentations, events, and other institution events where librarians have a role
- Professional development and training opportunity announcements, such as conferences, webinars, and related
- Award recognition
- Scholarship announcements
- Calls for presentations/publication
- Sharing information on published work/presentations
- Articles
- Closing achievement gaps
- First-generation college students

- New and emerging technology
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Social Justice topics
- Exhibits
- Library Instruction pedagogy, tips, tales
- Faculty Collaboration

All articles must be submitted in a Google Drive-friendly format (.doc, .pdf, .rtf) and include a title, author(s), and author title and affiliations. Links to author(s) personal professional sites are also encouraged. Submissions should use APA Style 7th edition. The word count for non-article items is 50-200 words. Articles have a limit of up to 800 words, including references. Please include links (URLs) to additional information. Photos, images, or graphics are encouraged and may be resized for placement.

### Look Who's Hiring

Centralia College is seeking an [Information Literacy and Instruction Librarian](#).

Edmonds College is seeking an [Associate Dean of Library and Learning Resources](#). This position is open until May 9.

Lake Washington School District is seeking [Elementary Library Media Specialist candidates](#).

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

Oak Harbor School District is seeking [Elementary Library Media Specialists](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate \(Sultan\)](#) and [Pages](#).

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 \(College Place\)](#).

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



# 2021 WLA CONFERENCE

BELLEVUE, WA | SEPT 30-OCT 2

communities, conversations, connections

### #WLA2021 Program Proposal Deadline Today!

We're accepting program proposals for #WLA2021, to be held September 30-October 2 in Bellevue! [Submit your proposal](#) today **May 5**. WLA will prioritize presenters from historically underrepresented communities and programs that support equity, diversity, and inclusion. 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.

Have questions? Contact the [WLA Office](#).

## News & Notes

### Upcoming Deadline for ALA COVID Relief Grants

The [ALA COVID Library Relief Fund](#) deadline for applicant submissions is May 20. Public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the US and US Territories that are experiencing substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has impacted their ability to serve their community, especially traditionally underserved populations are encouraged to apply.

The Fund has 1.25 million dollars and will provide grants between \$30,000 and \$50,000 to libraries/library systems/districts that have seen a substantial

reduction in funding that impacts their ability to provide essential services to underserved populations in low to moderate income groups. Grants will be announced on June 23, 2021.

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### **Gale Cengage Proposal Selected by SDL**

The Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) project of the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, has announced the awarding of “Apparent Successful Bidder” status to a proposal from Gale Cengage. The current procurement process is intended to replace the contract with ProQuest that expires on June 30. These resources will be available to all Washington non-profit libraries.

The combined proposal from Gale for periodical databases and K-12 resources scored higher for both content and interface as well as in pricing. The SDL Advisory Committee recommended awarding the contract to Gale, with no dissenting votes. To check out the full package that will be made available to Washington libraries visit the Gale trial site. In addition, Gale will be posting information on access, training, and support tools to assist libraries in getting started. It is anticipated that libraries will have access to the new content package prior to the July 1 official start date. Signup and pricing information will follow at a later date once the contract negotiation process is completed.

The SDL project is funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The remainder of the funding is provided by participating libraries. For more information, contact SDL project manager, [Will Stuvenga](#).

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### **Apply for 2021 REALISD Project Programs**

The [REALISD Project](#) is seeking rural school librarians for a fully funded professional development opportunity in Summer and Fall 2021.

Applications for the 2021 REALISD program are now being accepted through May 31. [Apply here!](#) Those who applied to the 2020 REALISD program will automatically be added to this year’s applicant pool for consideration.

The workshop provides school librarians the knowledge, skills, and abilities to support STEM education efforts in their school through digital tools and resources. After the summer workshop in late July, an online module in the fall will enable participants to work together to create a final STEM in Practice Plan for their local school. Selected participants will earn 3 hours of graduate course credit, with tuition, fees, and expenses paid for by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

For more information, contact the [REALISD Project](#).

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### **Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Deadline Next Week**

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.

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](#).

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### **Call for Papers on Privacy and Intellectual Freedom**

Do you have fresh ideas about privacy or a research paper about intellectual freedom? The [Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy](#) is currently seeking research and commentary submissions.

Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, with quarterly publication, and turn-around is typically two to four months. The Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy welcomes: Features (4,000-8,000 words): research papers, peer-reviewed; and Commentaries (500-1,000 words): short think pieces or essays, not peer-reviewed.

Questions? Visit the [JIFP website](#) or contact Editor [Shannon M. Oltmann](#). The Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy is indexed by ProQuest and Ebsco.

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Upcoming Yacht Club: "The Power of Play"**

You may already know about the power of play — maybe you have already prominently featured play in your library spaces and programs. But what happens now that our outreach, in-person programs, and in-library space use is severely restricted due to the pandemic? Participants will engage with resources and discussion during the next Yacht Club, May 6 at 10 a.m., on what librarians can do to help parents learn to embrace and model play in this new world we're in.

The session is free, and registrants will be requested to review resource assignments prior to the class. [Register here!](#)

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### **LISS Section Recording Available**

The WLA Library and Information Student Section (LISS) hosted a Lunch and Learn: "Emotions in Archives" on May 4 with Dr. Jennifer Douglas from the University of British Columbia iSchool. Dr. Douglas studies and does work on the affective side of archival practice and joined LISS for a conversation. [View the recording here!](#)

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### **Free Light and Shadow STEAM workshop**

Spokane County Library District is hosting a virtual training on Leap into Science *Light and Shadow* workshops on May 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

[Leap into Science](#) is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. In becoming a Leap into Science partner organization, you receive:

- A virtual training on high-quality science and literacy curriculum and facilitation strategies for two or more educators
- Ongoing support during program implementation as part of a Leap into Science National Network
- Access to the national Leap into Science leadership team and online resources
- A curriculum and materials kit (valued at \$300)
- Web-based training on new curriculum themes in subsequent years

Contact [Gwendolyn Haley](#) with questions and for more information.

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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.*

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

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