



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

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Call for Papers
July 2021 Issue:
You Are Not Imagining It

Alki

Alki July Issue — Call for Papers

Submit your articles and milestones for the July issue of *Alki*! The *Alki* Editorial Committee wants to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession! Please find [instructions here](#) and send your article to alkieditor@wla.org by June 22.

While libraries have a unique mission, we also face the same challenges and successes that any workplace does. This issue, entitled "You Are Not Imagining It," invites reflections and contributions on experienced organizational culture, including vocational awe, imposter syndrome, and more. As always, we are happy to consider articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.



MENTORING PROGRAM

Become a WLA Mentor this Fall 2021

The WLA [Professional Development Committee](#) is hosting a [Mentorship Program](#) for Fall 2021. We are currently recruiting candidates for the mentor pool. Are you interested in helping develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession? Then being a mentor is for you!

Potential mentors are encouraged to apply between June 1-July 31 and will be notified in August should they be paired with a mentee. Mentors must be current WLA members. For more information, contact the [WLA Office](#).

Special Libraries Crawl 2021: Tribal Libraries

[Special Library Association's PNW Chapter](#) and the WLA's [Special Libraries Division](#) have teamed up to present a series of informational and social events to help our members learn more about special libraries in our region: The 2021 Special Libraries Crawl. The second of this FREE series will introduce you to the world of Tribal Libraries. [Register here](#).

Join us via Zoom on June 10, from 12-1:30 PM for virtual tours of the Northwest Indian College Library, the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Community Library, and the Yakama Nation Library. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your lunch 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.

Association Directory Connects WLA Members!

The WLA [Member Services Committee](#) encourages you take a moment to peruse the member [Association Directory](#). Did you know this valuable resource grants you the opportunity to reach out to your fellow WLA members? You never know who you will find!

As a member of WLA, you are automatically set up with a member profile and included in the Association Directory. When you are logged in to your WLA account, you can:

- View your profile
- Update your profile picture and preferences
- See your message, invoice, and submission histories
- Check the e-lists you are subscribed to
- Access the directory and connect with current WLA members

If you have any questions about navigating the Association Directory, please reach out to the [WLA Office](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty Librarian](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Public Services Supervisor \(Kingston\)](#).

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

Longview Public Library is seeking a [Library Clerk](#).

Lower Columbia College is seeking a [Library Circulation Services Manager](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Public Services Director](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Student Engagement Librarian](#).

Shelton High School is seeking a [Teacher-Librarian](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

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

IASC 2021 Knowledge Commons Virtual Conference

The [IASC virtual conference](#) is coming up June 9-11, offering three days of pre-recorded and live events. The conference's aim is to address problems defined by knowledge systems, including innovation spaces, digital resources like Wikipedia and Stack exchange, open-source software development, the future of science and education, the archival of existing knowledge, cultural commons, and citizen science.

[Registration](#) is open through the conference dates and is \$10 for IASC members and \$50 for non-members. Contact [Marco Janssen](#) with questions.



Library 2.021 Mini-Conference "Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World"

The free [Library 2.021 mini-conference](#): "Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World," will be held online on June 17 from 12-3 p.m. PT. [Register here!](#) This mini-conference will consist of one hour-long keynote panel, three half-hour slots with a total of 10-15 crowd-sourced presentations, and a 30-minute closing keynote.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION **JUNE 23–29, 2021 VIRTUAL**

Register for #ALAAC21!

ALA's annual conference is just a month away, taking place virtually June 23-29. The conference will include over 140 educational programs, the "News You Can Use" series, author spotlight sessions, networking events, and other program highlights. Featured speakers include [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#), [Isabel Wilkerson](#), Stanley Tucci, Trisha Yearwood, and [many more!](#)

Learn more about the schedule of events and register on the [conference site](#).



Call for Proposals at PLA 2022 Conference

The [Public Library Association](#) (PLA) is seeking proposals for the [PLA 2022 Conference](#), taking place March 23-25, 2022 in Portland, Ore.

Want to be a part of PLA's schedule of events? [Submit a proposal](#) for a preconference or program. The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, June 21 at 8:59 p.m. PT.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Angela Maycock, PLA Manager of Continuing Education, at amaycock@ala.org or 312-280-5024.

News & Notes



\$15 Million in ARPA Grants Now Available for Library Services

The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) has announced a new funding opportunity for museums, libraries, and Native American and Native Hawaiian communities. The \$15 million federal investment will provide direct support to address community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and in assisting with recovery. [Apply now](#).

The deadline for submitting applications is June 28, 2021, with award announcements anticipated October 2021.

Library Involvement in International Decade of Indigenous Languages

In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/74/396 proclaimed 2022-2032 as "the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL), in order to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages..."

This PSA seeks to spread the message that libraries can facilitate access to Indigenous knowledge records, technologies, and media that are essential for language vitality. Want to support IDIL? Learn what is needed from libraries to support language revitalization locally by reaching out to Indigenous peoples whose traditional territories your library is situated on and who live in your service area.

Deadline Friday for Banned Books Week Grants

The **Freedom to Read Foundation** (FTRF) is accepting grant applications that support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual **Banned Books Week celebration** (Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2021).

Grants of \$1,000 or \$2,500 will be offered through the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund. The application deadline is this Friday, June 4, and recipients will be announced the week of June 14. Apply now! To be eligible, organizations must not have been a recipient of an FTRF grant within the past five years. For more information, contact ftrf@ala.org.



Apply for the NASA@ My Library Program

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for **NASA@ My Library**, a STEAM education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education.

Applications will be accepted through July 21. Sixty public and tribal libraries in the U.S. will be selected to become partners. Partners will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university

subject matter expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and a \$1,600 programming stipend to purchase materials for NASA STEAM activities and/or support presentations by local NASA-funded SMEs. [Learn more and apply!](#)

The Learning Curve

Discover WA's New Gale Resources

Join this series of Washington State Library webinars for libraries to gain an understanding of the Gale content, tools, and support available for student and patron success.

- **Academic Institutions:** Thursday, June 3, 11-12 PT | [Register](#)
- **K12 Schools:** Thursday, June 10, 2:30-3:15 PT | [Register](#)
- **Public Libraries:** Wednesday, June 16, 11-12 PT | [Register](#)

The webinars are in conjunction with the WSL Statewide Database Licensing project, which announced 75 percent LSTA subsidy for the first year of the new Gale database package that begins July 1. For questions, please contact [Will Stuivenga](#).

Upcoming YACHT Club: Social Emotional Learning

Have you heard of social emotional learning (SEL) before? Join the next Washington State Library YACHT Club (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics Club) meeting on June 3, from 10-11 a.m. to discuss SEL in tweens and teens. [Register here!](#)

Find a full description of the session's topic [here](#), as well as pre-session resource assignments. For more information, contact WSL Youth Services Consultant [Sara White](#).

Upcoming Info Sessions for NNLM Region 5 Program

On May 1, the [National Library of Medicine](#) awarded a new five-year [cooperative agreement grant](#) to [University of Washington Health Sciences Library](#) to serve as the Regional Medical Library for the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 5, covering AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA, and U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States.

NNLM Region 5 envisions its program in 2021-26 will advance data-driven health, health equity, and health literacy to improve public health by reaching more people in more ways through NNLM outreach, funding, and training

opportunities. To learn more, please join one of the Town Halls to be hosted in June to introduce Region 5 staff and provide an overview of the program.

The Town Hall program will be repeated three times on June 8, 9, and 10 from 3-3:45 p.m. PT. Join at a date and time convenient for you! No registration is necessary. Please save this [Zoom link](#) to join. For more information, contact nnlm@uw.edu.

RUSA Webinar: Enhancing Info Literacy Instruction

Join faculty librarians from the University of California-Davis on June 9 at 10 a.m. PT for a webinar about their partnership to create engaging remote learning experiences that developed the information research skills of students enrolled in a variety of courses.

The presentation will highlight the library modules developed, the impact the activities had on student learning, and lessons learned. [Register here!](#) For registration questions, please contact registration@ala.org.

Niche Academy "Community Homelessness: What Can Libraries Do"

Join Julie Ann Winkelstein in this [Niche Academy webinar](#) on June 16 at 11 a.m. PT to learn about the numerous ways community members experience homelessness, basic statistics and facts about US homelessness, and insights into its impact on people's lives, including daily trauma.

Winklestein will offer suggestions for actions library staff can take, and provide specific examples of the various ways in which libraries are addressing the physical, emotional and practical needs of their unhoused community members. [Register here.](#)

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!