WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

2022 WLA Elections
Nominations open
for future WLA leaders

Nominations Open for 2022 WLA Elections

Are you interested in getting involved in a WLA Division, Section, or Committee? WLA is pleased to announce nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Elections! The deadline to nominate candidates for office is Aug. 11.

Visit **wla.org/elections** to find available positions, this year's election timeline, and the nomination form. For election-related questions, please contact the **WLA Office**.

Apply for 2021-2022 WLA Scholarships

The application for WLA scholarships is now open. **Learn more** about WLA scholarships and apply! Applications are due Friday, July 9.

This week's spotlight scholarship is the **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship**, which grants $1,000 to a BIPOC WLA member to put toward a

degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields. For questions or more information, contact the **WLA Office**.

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

Alki

Alki **July Issue — Article Deadline Approaching**

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 **Tuesday, 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.

Look Who's Hiring

Fort Vancouver Regional Library is seeking a **Deputy Director**.

Gonzaga University is seeking an **Adjunct Faculty Librarian**.

Kent School District is seeking a **Teacher-Librarian/Technology Integration Specialist**.

King County Library System is seeking a **Deputy Library Director** and Adult and Teen Services **Librarians**.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Public Services Supervisor (Kingston)** and **Collection and Technical Services Supervisor**.

Lake Washington School District is seeking **Elementary Library Media Specialist candidates**.

Longview Public Library is seeking a **Library Clerk**.

NCW Libraries is seeking **Multiple Positions**.

North Olympic Library System is seeking a **Public Services Director**.

Seattle University is seeking a **Student Engagement Librarian**.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an **Acquisitions Assistant**.

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking **Multiple Positions**.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Learning Coordinator**.

*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:
ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Joint Fall Summit

The WLA **Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA** is pleased to announce a **virtual summit** in partnership with **ACRL-OR** this fall, on Friday, November 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The ALD/ACRL-WA summit committee is now accepting program proposals for 20-25 minute presentations and 5-minute lightning talks centered on the Summit theme: *Old Spaces, New Spaces: Reimagining the Boundaries.* The hope is to address the changing and newly-established boundaries for our work and personal spaces — physical, digital, social, and cultural — throughout academic and college librarianship. What spaces have been discovered over the past year, and how should those spaces be cultivated?

The deadline to submit a proposal is Wednesday, July 14. Find more information and submit a proposal at the **Summit website**. For questions, contact the **WLA Office**.

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.

Register for #ALAAC21!

ALA's annual conference is coming up June 23-29. The virtual 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, former President **Barack Obama**, 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

The New SDL Gale Package – Sign Up Now!

All public, academic, and special libraries that wish to obtain **the new Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) package from Gale Cengage** are requested to fill out, sign, and return the **SDL Intent to Participate Form for Libraries**. A link to first year costs is also **available**. New participants are welcome!

K-12 libraries should contact their **respective ESD** for pricing information and to sign up for the Gale package.

To insure access by July 1 – please return the Intent to Participate and Gale Activation Form ASAP (**before June 30**). If any library needs to pay its invoice prior to July 1, please let us know immediately, so we can request expedited invoicing. Otherwise invoices will be issued by Gale in July.

To sign up, and for more information, visit the **SDL Signup and News page**, or contact SDL Project Manager **Will Stuivenga** or one of the **Gale representatives**.

WA Shared Digital Collection - Information Meeting

Mackin will host a virtual informational meeting about the Washington Shared Digital Collection for PK-12 schools on June 22 at 10 a.m. Registration is not required. Please **save** the Zoom invitation.

The WA-SDC is a state-wide shared digital collection of PreK-12 eBooks and audiobooks in partnership with North Central Educational Service District. Any public or non-public PreK-12 school in Washington can join. For more information, visit the **WA-SDC website** or contact **Jennifer Maydole**.

$15 Million in ARPA Grants 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.

OverDrive to Acquire Kanopy

OverDrive announced last week that it will acquire **Kanopy**, a video streaming service used in public and academic libraries. The acquisition will add Kanopy's video catalog, which has approximately 30,000 films, to the OverDrive platform. Complete terms and a timeline of the acquisition have not yet been announced.

New School Library Endorsement Cohort Program Announced

Antioch University Seattle is offering a reduced tuition program for regional cohorts of teachers and uncertified teacher librarians to earn a School Library Endorsement. The state-accredited program is completely online. A no-cost, two-week online learning orientation helps new students navigate the online platform, develop research skills, practice useful tech tools, and meet colleagues. For more information visit the **program webpage** or contact Program Director **Christie Kaaland**.

NASA@ My Library

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

**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**.

**ARSL TRAIN
"From Self-Care to Community Well-being through Design Thinking"**

Join Brenda Hough and Betha Gutsche on June 17 at 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. PT for this TRAIN webinar. Compassion fatigue and librarian burnout are prevalent after a year of upheaval from the COVID pandemic. Attendees will learn about tapping

into their larger communities to bolster individual well-being, using design thinking strategies. **Register here**. Cost is $20 for ARSL members and $35 for non-members.

Crisis Connections: "De-Escalation for Library Staff"

Washington State Library is pleased to announce a free, special series of trainings offered by **Crisis Connections** on de-escalation. **Register here**!

The session will be offered three times:

- **Tuesday, June 22**, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (limit 20 attendees)
- **Monday, June 28**, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m (limit 20 attendees)
- **Wednesday, June 30**, 9-11 a.m. (includes one hour of pre-work; limit 40 attendees)

In the training, attendees will learn practical tools to monitor their own temperature when situations are intensifying. They will learn both verbal and non-verbal techniques to ease volatile encounters. The training introduces ways to establish boundaries and control the environment, while still actively listening and understanding client needs.

RUSA: "Decolonizing the Catalog: Anti-Racist Description Practices"

The **Reference and User Services Association** (RUSA) will host a 90-minute webinar on July 7 from 10-11:30 a.m. PT exploring recent efforts to draw attention to and amend harmful language in library records related to the African American experience in the United States.

The webinar is open to all librarians and library staff members but will be of particular interest to those who work with or create catalog records and other forms of metadata. **Learn more and register**.

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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!