



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 30, 2021

The application is now open for

**2021-2022**

**WLA Scholarships**

Visit [wla.org/wla-scholarships](http://wla.org/wla-scholarships) for more information.



## Apply for WLA Scholarships by July 9

The application for WLA scholarships is open through Friday, July 9. [Learn more](#) about WLA scholarships and apply! This week's spotlight is on [Washington Library Employees](#) (WALE) section scholarships.

The [WALE Continuing Education Scholarship](#) grants \$1,000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields. The [WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship](#) grants up to \$1,000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event.

As with all [WLA Sections](#), WALE is [free to join](#) for WLA members. For questions or more information, contact the [WLA Office](#).

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## 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 by the **NEW deadline** of August 11. Mentors must be current WLA members. For more information, contact the [WLA Office](#).



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](http://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](#).

### Look Who's Hiring

Fort Vancouver Regional Library is seeking a [Deputy Director](#).

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

King County Library System is seeking a [Deputy Library Director](#) and Adult and Teen Services [Librarians](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Collection and Technical Services Supervisor](#).

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

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

Mount Vernon City Library is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

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

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

Riverview School District is seeking a [Library Media Specialist/Librarian \(Cedarcrest High School\)](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#) and a [Public Services Assistant I](#).

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](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.*

## Conference Bulletin

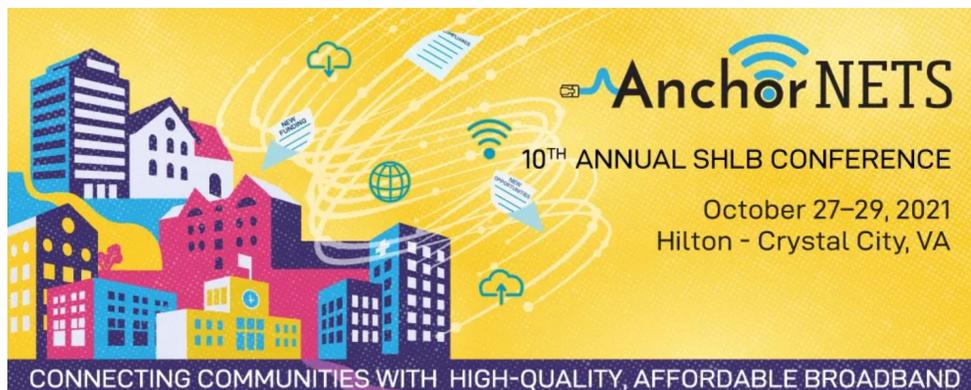
### [Call for Proposals:](#)

#### **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 proposal deadline is **Wednesday, July 14**.

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?

Find more information and submit a proposal at the [Summit website](#). For questions, contact the [WLA Office](#).



### Registration Open for 10th Annual SHLB Conference

Early bird [registration](#) is now open for [AnchorNets 2021](#), occurring Oct. 27-29 in Arlington, VA. Highlights of the conference will include a progress report on the \$7 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund program; opportunities for anchor institutions to deploy private LTE networks; updates on Biden Administration broadband infrastructure funding legislation; a VIP Workshop with key policymakers, and much more. Visit the [conference site](#) for more information.

### News & Notes

**LIBRARY  
OF CONGRESS**  
**NATIONAL  
BOOK  
FESTIVAL**



## Bring the 2021 National Book Festival to Your Branch

The 2021 Library of Congress [National Book Festival](#) (NBF) is set this year Sept. 17-26, and [Washington Center for the Book](#) has access to a list of participating authors that is not yet public. Would you like to plan for NBF programming for your branch? The author list can be used to plan events such as watch parties, community conversations, story walks, poetry slams, book club meetings, and more.

If you are interested in hosting an NBF program, please email [Sara Peté](#) and [Linda Johns](#), co-managers of the Washington Center for the Book, by July 9 to get access to the list of authors and to discuss your program idea.

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## Deadline Extended for Washington Shared Digital Collection

The deadline for the 2021-2022 Washington Shared Digital Collection (WA-SDC) has been extended to July 15. The shared collection will be activated on Sept. 1.

The WA-SDC is a state-wide shared digital collection of PreK-12 eBooks and audiobooks provided by Mackin 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](#). Interested participants may also view this [informational webinar](#), using passcode 8xCzRP9^.

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## Apply for 2022 Class of ALA Emerging Leaders

The American Library Association (ALA) is now [accepting applications](#) for the 2022 class of Emerging Leaders (EL). Details on program criteria can be found on the [Emerging Leaders web page](#). The deadline to apply is Aug. 30.

The ALA EL program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the U.S. and Canada to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA

structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. For more information, contact [emergingleaders@ala.org](mailto:emergingleaders@ala.org).

## The Learning Curve

### **Niche Academy: "Users at the Center of Everything: Service Design in Rapidly Changing Libraries "**

Join this [Niche Academy](#) webinar hosted by Callan Bignoli and Lauren Stara on July 7 at 11 a.m. PT for an exploration of service design – what it is and how it can make your library better by keeping users at the center of every decision. [Sign up now!](#)

Participants will learn how to harness rapid change and community feedback, understand the ways in which libraries bridge the physical and the digital, and learn to embrace an openness to change as a foundation for project management, problem solving, preparing for future challenges, and more.

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### **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 U.S.

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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### **PACER: "Beyond Keyboards: Alternative Tools for Controlling Your Computer"**

This free, online workshop on July 7 at 12 p.m. PT, hosted by [PACER Center](#), will introduce participants to different ways to control computer and mobile devices, from voice control to switches, adaptive mice, and keyboards. The webinar will demonstrate several simple things to make accessing computers easier, as well as some more complex setups. [Register today.](#)

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### **OCLC: "On Implicit Bias and Communication"**

Join Kate Goodman, Mary Marques, and Gaspar Santos on July 8 from 12-1 p.m. PT for the [On Implicit Bias and Communication](#) webinar, which centers on building and sustaining relationships with community partners. The presentation will address fundamental ideas about effective communication with a variety of audiences, and invite participants to reflect on their own communication experiences.

This webinar is part one of two a series about the [Community-Centered Libraries project](#) created by the Free Library of Philadelphia. The second part of the series, [Exploring the SOAR Model](#) occurs Aug. 5, also from 12-1 p.m. PT. [Register](#) for either or both webinars today!

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*The WLA Office will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, July 6.*

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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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