



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 21, 2021



#WLA2021 Registration Opens Today at Noon

Early bird registration opens *today at noon* for **#WLA2021**! Join us for three days, including pre-conference workshops, full of professional development opportunities, keynotes, and networking events, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Find the hybrid conference **schedule**, which includes **keynotes**, and **in-person** and **virtual** programs! Those able to join us for the in-person experience will find a general schedule of events, as well as our group rate for the Marriott Bellevue on the **conference homepage**.

Looking for assistance in attending conference? We're pleased to offer the **Conference Attendance Grant** this year to BIPOC association members as well as members who demonstrate financial need resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications close Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Please contact the **WLA Office** with any questions.



WLA Advocacy Corner Support Build America's Libraries Act

The WLA Office has received notification from the American Library Association (ALA) concerning the Build America's Libraries Act (S. 127 /H.R. 1581), which includes \$5 billion in funding for library construction and renovation. In the coming weeks, Congress will prepare legislation to make massive investments in our nation's infrastructure and communities, and we must ensure that libraries are not left out. We must take action to urge Congress to move forward with a package that includes these critical resources highlighted in the legislation.

Please consider contacting your legislators in Congress and urging them to include funding for library infrastructure. You can use the ALA's online form to both find and contact your legislators.

Please contact the WLA Advocacy Committee or WLA Office with any questions.

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Co-Chair, WLA Advocacy Committee
Secretary/Communications, WLA Public Library Division



Open Houses for 2022 WLA Elections

Are you interested in getting involved as a leader on the WLA Board or in a WLA Division or Section? Attend a virtual open house later this month to hear from current leadership and learn more about getting involved!

Please register for your session of choice:

Open House #1

Wednesday, July 28 | 12:00-1:00 pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcOuvpj0oE9wsDOpfAu_xFIA-wAX-E-4d

Open House #2

Thursday, July 29 | 3:00-4:00 pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfuGqpz8iG9x3svM-tKNbYILEExjXCxIR](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfuGqpz8iG9x3svM-tKNbYILEExjXCxIR)

Open House #3

Friday, July 30 | 10:00-11:00 am

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqduygrDorHtOArADlidjmowuRfx8kh13H](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqduygrDorHtOArADlidjmowuRfx8kh13H)

Visit wla.org/elections to find available positions, this year's election timeline, and the nomination form. The deadline to nominate candidates is Aug. 11. For election-related questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Kelso Public Library is seeking an [Administrative Assistant](#) and a [Youth Services Librarian](#).

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

Lake Washington Institute of Technology is seeking a [Library Technician II](#).

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

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

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

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

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Administrative Manager](#) and a [Bookkeeper](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian – Children's Services \(Lynnwood\)](#).

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [Youth Services 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: ALA LibLearnX

The American Library Association is [seeking proposals](#) for [LibLearnX](#), scheduled in-person in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 21-24, 2022. Proposals are due Aug. 15. Please refer to the [guidelines rubric](#) and [submission guide](#) in submitting a proposal. For questions or more information, please contact the [LibLearnX Subcommittee](#).

News & Notes

Apply for the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

Schools and libraries are invited to [submit an application](#) for the [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) (ECF) Program through Friday, Aug. 13.

The ECF program is administered by the Universal Administrative Service Co. and will help schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. The [\\$7.17 billion government program](#) will provide funding to schools and libraries for the reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers; Wi-Fi hotspots; routers; modems; and broadband Internet connections for use by students, school staff, and library patrons at locations that include locations other than a school or library.

An [information session](#) about the ECF program, filmed July 16, is available, provided by the [American Library Association](#) (ALA), the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA), and the [SHLB Coalition](#). For more information, call (800) 234-9781.

WTBBL Presents:
 A reading and discussion
 with Washington State
 Poet Laureate,
Rena Priest
 Wednesday, July 21st
 Online, 11:00 a.m.

Join us!

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Virtual Reading with WA State Poet Laureate

Join Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) today, July 21 at 11 a.m. for a reading and discussion with Washington State Poet Laureate [Rena Priest](#).

Rena will read from various works, including [Patriarchy Blues](#) and [Sublime Subliminal](#), and speak about her work and role as Poet Laureate. The event is in celebration of WTBBL's 90th anniversary as a National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled network library.

[Register in advance](#) for this Zoom webinar. For questions, call 206-615-0400 or email wtbbl@sos.wa.gov.



TRANSFORMING TEEN SERVICES TRAIN THE TRAINER

Applications Open for Transforming Teen Services Cohort

[Applications](#) are now being accepted for Washington State Library's second cohort of [Transforming Teen Services](#). The cohort runs Sept-Nov 2021. Applications are due Aug. 12.

The 12-week facilitated curriculum consisting of both synchronous and asynchronous work. Each week, there will be independent, self-guided work in addition to synchronous meetings each Thursday from 3-4 p.m. Participants will build skills in facilitating learning and gain an understanding of topics related to equity in teen services.

This course is mostly taught from a public library perspective, but those who could benefit from a deeper dive into serving teens, such as school library staff, are encouraged and welcome to apply. For more information, contact [Sara White](#).

This grant is supported by funding provided by the federal [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) administered by the Library Services and Technology Act, through the [Washington State Library](#), a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

NNLM Region 5 Announces Collection Equity Outreach Funding Opportunity

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5](#) (NNLM Region 5), is welcoming applications for a Collection Equity Outreach funding opportunity.

NNLM Region 5's [Collection Equity Outreach Awards](#) are designed to help build collections that are reflective of voices of the communities served which may be revealed through different genres such as graphic medicine, fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, Young Adult, manuscripts (published and unpublished), oral histories and film. Expanding diverse voices in libraries (of all types), public health agencies, academic programs, or community organizations ensure collection equity and supports health literacy.

To be considered for the award:

- **Step 1:** Send an email stating your intent to apply by 5:00 p.m. PT on Aug. 2 to nnlm@uw.edu. Include the name of your library/organization and your intent to apply for the Collection Equity Award.
- **Step 2:** Submit a completed application by 5:00 p.m. PT on Aug. 19 to nnlm@uw.edu.

[Find information](#) on eligibility criteria, the application form, the funding period, and more. Contact [Michele Spatz](#) with questions.

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.

The Learning Curve

RUSA: "Discovering Family History in Library Collections: Part I - Databases"

Join this [RUSA](#) webcast with Joseph Everett on July 27 at 11 a.m. PT to explore a variety of genealogical and educational databases, including many not traditionally thought of as being relevant to family history. The webinar will provide illustrative examples and advice on

database access, and will benefit genealogists, genealogy librarians, and other librarians with patrons seeking genealogy resources. [Learn more and register](#).

Oregon Reference Summit: "A Panel Discussion on how the COVID-19 Pandemic Changed Academic Libraries"

The Oregon Reference Summit will host a [sharing session](#) on July 29 at 11 a.m. PT about how academic libraries have been evolving during the pandemic. [Register in advance](#).

Panelists Andie Marshall; Jessica Martinez, *University of Idaho*; and Paul Victor, *Eastern Washington University* will share specific experiences to get the discussion started, and then continue the conversation as a group. Join the discussion to share the challenges, successes, and failures you've experienced at your library.

Copyright & Creativity: "Back to School: How to Teach Copyright This Year"

Join this free virtual webinar on Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. PT regarding teaching copyright to K-12 students. [Register now](#). Library professionals Brittany Fleming, Jenn Roth, and Julie Jamieson will share free K-12 resources for teaching copyright and fair use, as well as show firsthand how they are used with students in the classroom and online. Email info@copyrightandcreativity.org for more information.

ALA Workshop: "Taking STEAM Programs to the Next Level"

Join Amy Holcomb on Aug. 5 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for this [virtual workshop](#) to learn how to move beyond surface level programming and provide more engaging and meaningful experiences for youth around STEAM topics. Library staff involved in youth programming and services will find this workshop especially relevant. [Registration](#) is \$79 for nonmembers and \$71 for ALA members. For questions about the event, contact elsmarketing@ala.org.

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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