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**WLA WEDNESDAY**

August 25, 2021



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### **WLA 2021 Conference Vaccination Requirements & New Early Bird Deadline**

In the interest of protecting the safety of our attendees and presenters, the Washington Library Association Board of Directors has voted in favor of requiring proof of vaccination to attend the [\*\*2021 WLA Conference\*\*](#) in-person, September 30-October 2 in Bellevue, Washington.

The WLA Conference early bird deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, Sept. 8** due to this requirement.

Proof of vaccination will be required at the registration desk in order to receive your conference badge. Proof includes either of the following options:

- Your physical vaccination card

- A digital copy of your vaccination card — either digital photo or via app such as [MyIR Mobile](#)
- Medical record indicating your complete vaccination

For complete information, please visit the [WLA Conference Site](#). Please direct any questions to the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org). Registration is now open for the [in-person conference](#) and the [virtual conference](#).



### Call for WLA Merit Award Nominations!

Libraries serve a wide range of persistent and emerging needs in their communities, and it's no surprise that they stood at the forefront of the pandemic response. Even when their buildings were closed, Washington libraries found innovative ways to serve users and meet the needs of their communities.

The [WLA Awards](#) offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries.

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology
- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, underserved
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at **all levels** and in **all types of libraries** are eligible. Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members.

Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership! To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA Award Nomination Form](#) by Wednesday, September 8. If you have

questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

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### Voting OPEN for 2022 WLA Elections

Voting for [2022 WLA Elections](#) is now open! If you are a current WLA member, please take a moment to vote for our 2022 Board, Division, and Section leadership. The voting window is open through Sept. 15, 2021.

- **Step 1:** Read through the [candidate statements](#).
- **Step 2:** Vote using our [online ballot](#). *To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account.*

All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions. Ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

Winners will be announced Sept. 22 in WLA Wednesday. Incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the Awards Lunch on Oct. 2 during the 2021 WLA Conference. New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2022.

Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions!

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### 2021 Special Libraries Crawl: Art Libraries

[Special Library Association's PNW Chapter](#) and the [Washington Library Association'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 and beyond: The 2021 Special Libraries Crawl. The third of this series will introduce you to the world of Art Libraries. [Register in advance](#).

Join us via Zoom on Sept. 9, from 6:00-7:30 pm for virtual tours of the [Getty Research Institute Library](#), and the [Library at San Francisco MOMA](#). You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your favorite snack and beverage 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.

This event is FREE and open to all who are interested. If you missed our past events on Law Libraries and Tribal Libraries, you can [view the recordings](#) via WLA's webpage.

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**WLFFTA Wants to Hear From You!**

The [Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees, & Advocates](#) (WLFFTA) Section is seeking participants for its 2021 [WLA Advocates Survey](#). Survey responses are sought by Sept. 7!

Please share your interests in being an advocate for your local library, whether it's in a Friends, Foundation, Trustee or library staff role, and how the Section can best support you with the tools and resources you need be successful in your efforts.

### Look Who's Hiring

Boeing is seeking an Archivist-Historian. For more information, contact McKenna Kilcup at (206) 940-8227 or [McKenna.kilcup@InsightGlobal.com](mailto:McKenna.kilcup@InsightGlobal.com).

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

Highline Public Schools is seeking a [School Librarian \(Parkside Elementary\)](#).

Lower Columbia College is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty Librarian](#).

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

Olympic College is seeking Library & Archives Paraprofessionals in [Bremerton](#), [Poulsbo](#), and [Shelton](#).

Pacific Lutheran University Library is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#).

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

Seattle University's Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons seek a [Marketing and Communications Strategist](#) and a [Temporary Assistant Librarian](#).

*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

**Register for "Collaborating for a Dementia-Friendly Washington:  
Expanding Possibilities"**

Do you want to make your town or city a more welcoming and inclusive place for people with dementia and their families? Join the UW Memory and Brain Wellness Center for [Collaborating for a Dementia-Friendly Washington: Expanding Possibilities](#), a statewide conference featuring strategies, programs and initiatives you can use to build a more dementia-friendly community.

[Register in advance](#). The sliding scale fee is \$40 (Professional Rate), \$15 (Community Rate), or Free (Scholarship Rate).

The two-day, virtual event is Sept. 14-15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., with a pre-conference “happy hour” from 4-5 p.m. on Sept 13. A special post-conference reception on Sept. 15 from 1-1:45 p.m. will announce the winners of the 2021 Maude’s Awards for Innovations in Alzheimer’s Care.

The conference is for anyone who wants to make their community more dementia-friendly, including people with dementia, caregivers, and people who work or volunteer in a variety of public settings, such as libraries.



### **2021 Northwest ILL Conference Registration Open!**

The [20th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#) (NWILL) will once again be held virtually, Sept 1-3, with a special OCLC Virtual Workshop on Aug. 31. [Register now!](#) Standard registration is \$36 per person.

NWILL's 2021 keynote speaker is [Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#), a prolific author, presenter, librarian, and lecturer whose research interests include professionalism, ethics, racial and ethnic diversity in the LIS field, and the role of communities of practice in practical academic librarianship.

For questions, please contact a member of the [NWILL Planning Committee](#).

## **News & Notes**

### **NNLM Region 5 Announces Two New Funding Opportunities**

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5](#) (NNLM Region 5), under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), is pleased to announce the release of two new funding opportunities for organizations and libraries in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States. Details for each funding opportunity is posted on the [Region 5 blog](#).

- [Environmental Health Equity Outreach Award](#)
- [Technology Equity Award](#)

Although NNLM members may apply for either or both awards, only one award will be made per successful applicant. Applications submitted by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, October 15, 2021 will receive first consideration. Contact Michele Spatz with questions at [mspatz@uw.edu](mailto:mspatz@uw.edu).

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### **Fast Forward Library Leadership Cohort Registration**

Are you a library staff member in a supervisor role or an emerging leader looking to build leadership knowledge and skills in 2021? Consider registering for the The Fast Forward Library Leadership Cohort. [Register now](#).

The next cohorts launch Sept. 10 and are limited to 10 participants per session. Zoom sessions are two-hours every other Friday, starting at 10 a.m. PT or 12:00 p.m. PT, for a total of six sessions. Cost for the cohort is \$350 per person (limited to one person per library per session to ensure confidentiality), and the fee must be paid by Aug. 27 to guarantee a spot.

Questions may be directed to cohort facilitator [Amanda E. Standerfer](#) at [amanda@standerferconsulting.com](mailto:amanda@standerferconsulting.com).

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### **Survey: "What Kind of 'CRAAP' Do They Teach in High School?"**

Consider participating in the following information literacy practices survey created by librarians at Bellevue College.

With the help of participants, the survey organizers hope to identify what (if any) types of source evaluation (CRAAP, SIFT, lateral reading, etc.) are being taught in Washington state middle schools and high schools. The results of this survey will allow them to determine how best to incorporate source evaluation and information literacy practices into our work, and create continuity in learning for our students.

[Take the survey now](#). The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Participants who wish to remain anonymous can opt out of both

including an email and providing any additional resources at the end of the survey.

Emails provided will be used to alert participants of survey progress and results, and may be added to a directory of library professionals in the state for future collaborations. **Emails/personal information will be removed from the raw data, and will NOT be used for publication purposes or presentations.**

The survey will be open until Nov. 1, 2021. The results of this survey will be analyzed and shared as a final report, and may be used in future presentations or publications.

If you have questions or wish to follow up with us on this project, please contact Elena Maans-Lorincz at [e.maans@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:e.maans@bellevuecollege.edu).

## The Learning Curve

### **ALA: "Strengthen Patron Workforce Opportunities with Labor Market Information"**

Join this [free webinar](#) on Aug. 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. PT, offered in partnership from Libswork and the Public Library Association (PLA), which will highlight LMI resources and demonstrate how this information can inform and improve workforce service development, outreach, and partnerships to connect residents with in-demand jobs, gain in-demand skills, and improve economic mobility.

Space for the webinar is limited. [Register in advance](#). This webinar is intended for library and community partner staff formally or informally developing and delivering workforce and career services.

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### **Library 2.0: "Ten Tools for the (New) Library Supervisor: Starting Out Right"**

Join this 60-minute training webinar on Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. PT to learn about ten tools important for early and ongoing success as a new library supervisor.

[Register now](#).

Attendees will learn about meeting the needs of your boss (who might not be your old boss); the challenge of supervising colleagues who are your friends (or not your friends); understanding the financial, legal, and HR-related aspects of your job, and more. Cost for the webinar is \$99 per person, which includes access to the recording and the presentation slides.

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## edWebinar: "Explore the World with Virtual Field Trips"

Join this [free virtual session](#) for K-12 teachers and librarians on Aug. 31 from 1-2 p.m. PT to learn about Discovery Education virtual field trips. [Register in advance](#).

Focused on an array of diverse topics, virtual field trips connect learning to the real world through relevant and timely digital content. This edWebinar will offer an overview of virtual field trips available on demand and a sneak peek of new offerings coming this fall. Continuing education certificates can be earned for attending the live webinar or watching the recorded session.

For more information, contact [help@edweb.net](mailto:help@edweb.net).

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## Youth Services Critical Conversations Club Begins Sept. 9

Join [Youth Services Critical Conversations Club](#) (YS3C) starting Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.! Once a month YS3C will meet to learn about and discuss an essential topic relevant to serving youth in libraries. Content will vary and may consist of presentations or facilitated conversations with guest speakers, brainstorming sessions, discussions, and more.

To ensure a productive discussion, attendees are asked to be willing to participate in conversation or interactive activities either via microphone or chat. Meetings will be recorded and posted to the Youth Services Niche Academy page along with any documents and resources. While any library staff can attend, the topics will be focused on youth services.

[Register in advance](#). By registering, you are signing up for the entire event series and will receive updates and reminders about all meetings. You are welcome to come to as few or as many meetings as you choose!

YS3C 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.

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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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