



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 15, 2021

Welcome to the WLA Store!



Thank you for supporting Washington's libraries!

Shop for WLA Merch in Our New Online Store!

The WLA [Member Services Committee](#) is pleased to announce the launch of the [WLA Store](#) on Redbubble!

By selecting any product featuring a logo of your choice, you can explore countless ways to showcase your WLA pride! Choose between association logos or the "Conference Throwback" Collection. Here are some Staff Picks to get you started:

- WLA [Socks](#)
- WLA [Throw Pillow](#)
- [WALE Water Bottle](#)
- Tote Bags for the [2020](#) and [2021](#) virtual conferences

From pullovers to pins, notebooks to mouse pads, kick off the New Year in style! Have questions about Redbubble? Please contact the [WLA Office](#).

ALD/ACRL-WA Fall Newsletter Ready to Read

The ALD/ACRL-WA Fall 2021, No. 87 newsletter has arrived! Visit the ALD/ACRL-WA [Newsletter Archives](#) to find the latest issue.

The fall newsletter features insights and notes from the ALD/ACRL-WA & ACRL-OR Joint Virtual Summit, a drop-in session wrap-up from the academic steering committee, an introduction to Region 5 of the Network of National Library of Medicine, as well as campus news from your peers.

2022 WLA Conference RFP Opens Dec. 29

Mark your calendars! The [2022 WLA Conference](#) Request For Proposals will launch **Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021**.

On behalf of the 2022 conference committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal once the application launches at the end of the month. The application will remain open through *Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022*.

Please stay tuned for more information, including the announcement of the 2022 conference theme. We're pleased to share that we will be returning to Bellevue for the [2022 WLA Conference](#), May 5-7, 2022! Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.



Check Out the Winter *Alki* Issue!

The [Winter 2021 *Alki* Issue](#) has arrived! This issue is traditionally the Conference Issue, and we asked you to engage—critically—with the theme of the WLA annual meeting: "Communities, Conversations, Connections." We asked you to think about how library associations promote critical conversations among individual library staff and library organizations, the role a library association plays in defining library values, and to think on what the critical conversations are that your libraries are having.

You are in for a treat. The theme of critical conversation weaves in and out of

articles about staff equity, nonhierarchical mentoring, Black History Month programming, switching between library types, the revisions of an information literacy curriculum, an African American Read-In, and more. Of course, you'll find all of our usual columns as well!



Celebrate the Holidays with WLA!

Are you looking for a special gift for a colleague, loved one, or even yourself? Consider making a donation that celebrates library advocacy — or give the gift of membership!

Our [2021 Holiday Giving Special](#) offers the opportunity to donate to the Washington Library Association in the name of a library advocate — or to give the gift of membership. Gift memberships grant one or more recipients of your choice member benefits for a full year.

This opportunity for WLA 2021 Holiday Giving donations or gift memberships will be available through Dec. 31. Wishing you happy holidays from WLA!



Save the Dates for Library Legislative Week!

Save the dates for [WA Library Legislative Week](#), sponsored by WLA: **January 24-28, 2022!** *Registration will open in early January.*

This free, annual event is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and understand legislative priorities, as well as to meet with

state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

IFS 2022 Steering Committee Seeks Secretary/Communications

The WLA [Intellectual Freedom Section](#) (IFS) seeks a Secretary/Communications to join its steering committee for 2022! Please send your confirmation of interest, as well as answers to the following questions to info@wla.org by Wednesday, Dec. 22.

- What skills and experience would you bring to the position?
- What past involvement have you had with WLA?
- Where would you like to see WLA or the IFS Section in the future, and what would you do to move it toward that vision?
- WLA is committed to promoting EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion) within the library profession, our association, and our communities. How do you see yourself upholding these values as a leader?

The purpose of the Intellectual Freedom Section is to raise awareness of intellectual freedom issues such as censorship, protecting privacy, and upholding the basic rights of patrons and those in the library community. Please find the responsibilities of the [Section Secretary/Communications](#).

If you have questions, please reach out to the [WLA Office](#).

Look Who's Hiring

CWU Libraries is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian \(Lecture Pool\)](#).

Equity in Education Coalition is seeking a [ConnectWA Digital Equity Manager](#).

Everett Public Library is seeking an [Assistant Director of Programs & Information Services](#).

Jefferson County Library District is seeking a [Digital Equity Navigator](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Director of Human Resources](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking [Customer Service Technicians](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Library & Archival Professional 2\)](#).

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking an [Assistant Manager/Librarian \(Library & Archival Professional 4\)](#).

Western Washington University Libraries is seeking an [Assistant Director of Collections](#).

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

Submit a Proposal for Online Northwest 2022

[Online Northwest](#) is seeking proposals for 30-minute and 60-minute sessions or panels, as well as 5-minute lightning talks, for its virtual conference on March 25, 2022. The conference theme is *Open Librarianship*, an expansive view of what Open Librarianship means and how it intersects with library technologies.

Possible proposal topics may include but are not limited to:

- Open Access
- Open Educational Resources (OERs)
- Open Educational Costs
- Open Science/Open and Reproducible Research
- Open Data
- FAIR Data Principles
- Open Public Librarianship

[Follow this link](#) and create an account to submit a proposal. The deadline to submit a proposal is **Dec. 17** at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact conference co-chairs: [Diana J. Castillo](#) and [Michelle Desilets](#).

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JUNE 2-4, SACRAMENTO, CA

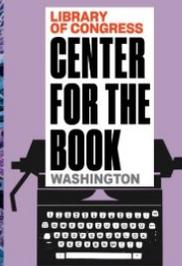
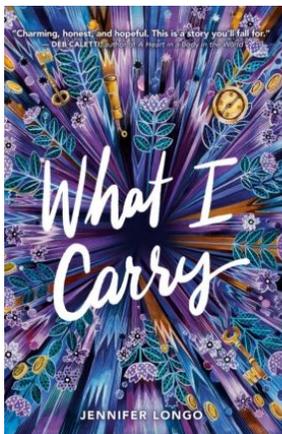
Submit a Proposal for the CLA 2022 Annual Conference

The [California Library Association](#) Conference Committee is currently seeking program proposals for its in-person conference in Sacramento, June 2-4, 2022. [Submit a proposal](#) by Jan. 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The 2022 theme is *Together Towards Tomorrow: We Strengthen Library Communities*. The committee is looking for a diverse slate of programs that will speak to attendees who work in all kinds of libraries, communities and capacities, especially academic, prison, law, tribal, and other special library perspectives. Particularly encouraged are submissions that prioritize the voices of people who belong to groups that have traditionally been marginalized, such as people who identify as BIPOC, immigrant, LGBTQ, and differently abled/disabled.

For questions about proposals or presentations, please contact the Programming Chairs at cla-programchairs@googlegroups.com.

News & Notes



Jennifer Longo
What I Carry
Dec. 15
6 p.m.



Washington State Book Award: *What I Carry*

Join [Washington Center for the Book](#) and the Washington Library Association tonight at 6 p.m. to celebrate the winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award (WSBA) for Young Adult Literature: *What I Carry*, by Jennifer Longo. [Register in advance!](#)

What I Carry is a powerful and heartwarming look at a teen girl about to age out of the foster care system. Longo's other books for young adults include *Up to This Pointe* and *Six Feet Over It*, both of which were WSBA finalists.

This is the third in an [online series of author events](#) celebrating the 2021 WSBA winners.

Are you interested in becoming a judge for the 2022 WA State Book Awards? The Washington Center for the Book is seeking judges! [Find more information and apply](#). Applications are due Jan. 7, 2022. If you have questions, please email wacenterforthebook@gmail.com.

Application Open for Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Grants

Washington State schools, districts, and ESDs can now apply for a competitive two-year project grant that will support integrating Media Literacy, Digital Citizenship, or Synthetic Media curriculum into classes. Apply by Jan. 6, 2022 via [iGrants \(Form Package 922\)](#).

The project grants, which are administered by [WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) (OSPI) and funded by HB 1365, are one of two options: shorter-term planning grants are on the way but not available yet.

For more information, visit the [OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship page](#) or email Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program Supervisor Lesley James at lesley.james@k12.wa.us.

NNLM Professional Development Funding Awards

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) Region 5, under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), has announced the availability of funding through Professional Development Awards to increase knowledge, skills, and competencies of NNLM network members on areas related to NLM priorities.

With these awards, NNLM Region 5 commits to prioritizing support for underrepresented populations through their meaningful engagement in professional development activities.

These awards support:

- individual class, conference or workshop attendance
- the costs associated with arranging for an expert speaker to give a talk, workshop, class or lecture

- educational activities that relate to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and aim to prepare professionals to better serve underserved, minority and underrepresented communities.

A minimum of eight awards of up to \$1,500 each will be funded. Awards will be available on an ongoing basis until funds are expended. [Find](#) the full funding announcement and the Professional Development Award Application.

For questions or additional information, contact Cathy Burroughs at nnlm@uw.edu or (206) 543-9261.

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Apply for *Transformation for Libraries: The Futures School* | West Coast

West Coast Cohort [applications](#) are open through Jan. 4, 2022 for "Learning-Unlearning-Relearning Through Strategic Foresight," a live, online three-day training program scheduled Feb. 8-10, 2022.

Participants will be introduced to developing a foresight mindset and skillset, ensuring they are primed for market-leading innovation, successful opportunity development, and revenue-generating futures intelligence. Learn more about [strategic foresight](#) from Futures School Co-Founder Yvette Montero Salvatico.

For more information, please contact Dawn La Valle at dawn.lavalle@ct.gov or (860) 757-6665. *The program is funded by IMLS and presented in partnership with the [Connecticut State Library Division of Library Development](#) and [Kedge: The Futures School](#).*

NicheAcademy: "Becoming a Teaching Librarian: Reflective Practice and Teacher Identity in Academic Librarianship"

What does it mean to be a "teaching librarian" and how do you become one? Join [Claire McGuinness](#) (University College Dublin) on Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. PT to learn about "teacher identity" and the various ways in which it develops over the course of a career in academic librarianship. [Register in advance](#).

Based on her recent book, [The Academic Teaching Librarian's Handbook](#), participants will be invited to reflect on their own personal teaching journeys, and

how they perceive and inhabit their roles. Participants will also learn about the benefits of reflective practice in shaping teacher identity, as well as some practical approaches that they can integrate into their work.



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WSL Training: "Capturing Outcomes of Youth Programs"

Applications are due **Dec. 18** for a **free six-week course** (Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 2022) that provides practical knowledge and skills in assessing outcomes of youth programs that can be used to rethink, redesign, and advocate for the developing and offering of youth-related services for and with your community.

Led by **Dr. Mega Subramaniam**, and working in teams of up to four people from the same library or system, staff will explore various questions over the course of six weeks of meetings and through the completion of outside assignments. If you have questions, please contact sara.white@sos.wa.gov.

*This course 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.*



Youth Services Critical Conversations Club

Essential dialogue about serving youth in libraries

Serving Gender Diverse Youth in Libraries

Guest Presenters:
Aytch Denaro, MSW, LICSW
Tovah Denaro, Educational & Behavioral Consultant

Thursday, January 13th
10:00-11:00 a.m.

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YS3C: "Supporting Gender Diverse Youth in our Libraries"

Join the Youth Services Critical Conversations Club at its next meeting on Jan. 13 from 10-11 a.m. PT for the session "**Serving Gender Diverse Youth in Libraries**,"

led by Aytch Denaro and Tovah Denaro. [Register in advance!](#)

This session is to support librarians and library staff in understanding what it means to be an ally to youth who identify within the LGBTQ+ community.

The session 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.

Holiday Closure: *The WLA Office will be closed Monday, December 20 through Friday, December 24. Regular office hours will resume Monday, December 27.*

Correction: *Several WLA Wednesday newsletters misstated the correct deadline for the ARSL & Penguin Random House Small & Rural Library Grant. The grant application closed Dec. 1, 2021.*

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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