



Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read. [Read the statement](#) in full on WLA's Intellectual Freedom Section (IFS) site, and [explore other free resources](#) related to intellectual freedom and freedom from censorship. Additionally, read a [recently-released Q&A](#) from the American Library Association's [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) on addressing challenges to books written by "Problematic Authors."

Want to become a member of WLA's IFS? Joining the section is free with membership. [Add the section](#) to your existing WLA membership or request to join by contacting the [WLA Office](#).

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[www.wla.org/2022-wla-conference](http://www.wla.org/2022-wla-conference)

A circular logo with a purple-to-orange gradient background. The top half features the text "IMAGINE NEW HORIZONS" in white, with a yellow sun icon. The bottom half shows a silhouette of a city skyline and trees. Below the logo, the text "#WLA2022 BELLEVUE • MAY 5-7" is displayed in white.

Submit your program proposal by

# January 26

### Submit a Proposal for the 2022 WLA Conference

On behalf of the WLA Conference Committee, we invite you to *Imagine New Horizons* at #WLA2022. [Submit a program proposal](#) for May 5-7 in Bellevue!

[Submit a Proposal](#)

The application closes **tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 26**. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Planning on submitting a proposal for the first time? Read through "Tips for a Great Program Proposal" at <https://tinyurl.com/WLA22>. Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.

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Call for Papers  
**Spring 2022 Issue:**  
*Work in Progress*

**Alki**

### Call for Papers: *Alki* Spring Edition

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in *Alki*: The Washington Library Association Journal. We welcome content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, poetry, and art.

This issue's theme is ***Work in Progress***. Here are some guided questions and thoughts to help frame your submission:

- Are you struggling to find the bandwidth to complete a project? Tell us about something you haven't finished.
- What skills have you acquired to help manage your time, your capacity, and your boundaries at work?
- Share a meditation, self-reflection, practice, or exercise that has become a lifeline for you in this ever-changing world.
- Actively fighting against racism and colonial/settler ideals is a continuous work in progress. What is something you're actively working on to build more inclusive communities of practice?

*Alki* is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

Submissions are due **Feb. 16**, and should include the following details:

- Title
- Text of article in .doc, .docx, or Google Doc format
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short third-person bio of author(s)
- Images in .jpg or .png format with accompanying captions
- Pull quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted in larger print

Ray Zill, the current *Alki* editor, is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting her at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org). For inspiration, [check out the past issues of \*Alki\*](#).

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# Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award Student Logo Design Contest



## WCCPBA Student Logo Design Contest

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#), the WCCPBA Committee is holding a contest to update its logo!

The committee is looking for input and inspiration from K-12 students. The final design should reflect Washington State and appeal to students in grades K-3. Please encourage students to participate!

- Print out the [logo design form](#) and go over directions with students.
- Give completed designs to your school's Teacher-Librarian.
- Teacher-Librarians will select — or organize the selection of — the entries from their school (no more than two per school).

Entries should be mailed to Charisse Tsukamoto at Hazelwood Elementary, 7100 116th Avenue SE, Newcastle, WA 98056. The entry deadline is **Feb. 14**.

If you have questions, please contact [charisse.tsukamoto@rentonschools.us](mailto:charisse.tsukamoto@rentonschools.us).

## Look Who's Hiring

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking an [Evening & Weekend Circulation and IT Assistant](#) and a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

Grays Harbor College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Library Regional Manager](#).

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Librarian \(Kennewick\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Curlew\)](#) and [Customer Service Technician \(Winthrop\)](#).

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

Seattle Public Library is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Circulation Assistant Receptionist](#) and a [Librarian - Adult Services \(Mukilteo\)](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Neighborhood Services Manager](#).

Whitman County Rural Library District is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking [Library Assistants \(Yakima and Sunnyside\)](#).

*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

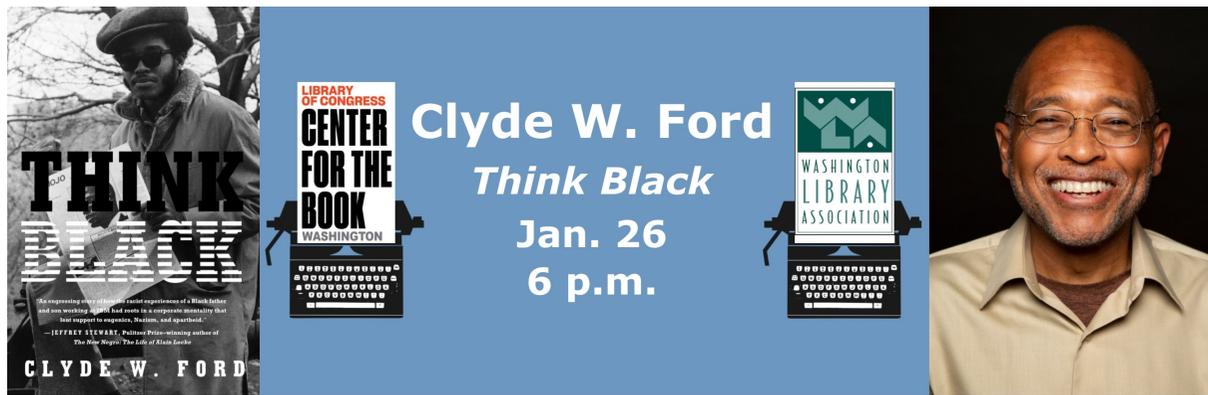


### Advanced Registration Open for PLA 2022

Registration and housing are open for the [Public Library Association \(PLA\) 2022 Conference](#) in Portland! The advanced registration rate is available through Feb. 18. [Register today!](#)

Members of PLA, Oregon Library Association, and Pacific Northwest Library Association receive exclusive access to the Early Bird discount extended through Jan. 31.

The conference will offer over 100 educational [sessions](#), a dynamic slate of [speakers](#), the latest in library technology and solutions from [over 150 vendors](#), and plenty of opportunities to [explore](#) the weirdness of Portland.



### Washington State Book Award: *Think Black*

Join [Washington Center for the Book](#) and WLA tonight, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award (WSBA) for Creative Nonfiction: *Think Black*, by Clyde W. Ford. [Register now!](#)

*Think Black* is a "story of how racist experiences of a Black father and son working at IBM had roots in a corporate mentality that lent support to the Nazism, Eugenics, and Apartheid." (Jeffrey Stewart, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke*).

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

## Online Tracking Service Grant



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### Washington State Library Announces Online Tracking Grant

Washington State Library (WSL) has officially launched the application and LibGuide for the WSL Online Tracking Grant.

WSL will reimburse awardees for an online tracking service. Your library may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year for three years. Public and tribal libraries in Washington State are eligible. This is a non-competitive grant, and everyone who applies will be eligible to receive this award. Libraries who already subscribe to a tracking service prior to this grant are eligible, as well as new subscribers.

Learn more about the grant and the application process by visiting the [grant's LibGuide](#). There are two deadlines available for requesting the grant: **Feb. 4, 2022** or **March 4, 2022**. If you have questions, please contact [wslgrants@sos.wa.gov](mailto:wslgrants@sos.wa.gov) or [sara.white@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.white@sos.wa.gov).

*This program 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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### **ALA Games and Gaming Round Table Announces Opening of 2022 "Game On!" Grant Application**

The Games and Gaming Round Table (GameRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) has announced its [annual grant program](#) to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their patrons. [View the application](#), and apply by March 1.

Through the grants, \$500 will be available to be awarded either as one grant of \$500, or two of \$250 each, to assist a library or libraries in developing gaming programs or collections for their communities.

ALA members in good standing currently employed at a public, school, academic or special library in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries will need to illustrate a plan for a sustainable gaming program created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the proposed program.

If you have questions, please reach out via the [GameRT Contact Us page](#).

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Niche Academy: "Small Scale ESL Programs for Your Library"**

Join Claudia Ratay for this webinar today, Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. PT about starting an English as a Second Language (ESL) program at your library. [Register in advance](#).

Ratay will share strategies for starting your program so that it's not an intimidating experience for the program leader. She will share her experience and insights into establishing a solid foundation for a successful ESL program. The webinar will be recorded for registrants unable to attend the live event.

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## WebJunction: "Growing Digital Equity through Community Partnerships"

Join Dr. Audrey Barbakoff from King County Library System (KCLS) on Feb. 3 at 12 p.m. PT about overcoming digital access barriers and meeting the digital needs of your own communities. [Register in advance](#).

Dr. Barbakoff will share a variety of innovative services and partnerships that KCLS has instituted for sustainable digital inclusion, such as launching a Digital Navigators service, circulating hotspots and laptops to partners to reach people experiencing homelessness, participating in a community-owned wireless network, and supporting telehealth. Related resources and links are available on the [webinar's event page](#).

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### NNLM Region 5: Library Carpentry Workshop (Winter Session)

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\), Region 5](#) will host two free online sessions on Library Carpentry in Winter and Spring of 2022. Both sessions have 25 spots available and cover the same content/material.

The Winter session is Feb. 22-24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. PT. [Register here](#). Registration closes Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. PT. Notification of registration approval and meeting information will be provided by Feb. 18 at noon PT.

Library Carpentry focuses on building software and data skills within library and information-related communities. These hands-on, approachable workshops empower individuals, in a variety of roles, to use software and data in their own work and support effective, efficient, and reproducible practices. [Learn more](#) about Library Carpentry.

The workshops are open to all. Training will focus on skills for library workers. No prior knowledge is needed. Registration from Region 5 states (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States) will be prioritized.

For questions or more information, please visit the [Region 5 Blog](#) or contact Nancy Shin and Daina Dickman at [nnlm@uw.edu](mailto:nnlm@uw.edu).

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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.*

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